

LIBERATION INVESTMENT GROUP LLC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â LIBERATION INVESTMENT GROUP LLC			(Month/Day/Year)	FRIEDMANS INC [FRDM]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
11766 WILSHIRE BLVD.,Â SUITE #870				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
LOS ANGELES,Â CAÂ 90025				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	2,338,900 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By LILtd and LILP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIBERATION INVESTMENT GROUP LLC 11766 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE #870 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025	^	^ X	^	^
LIBERATION INVESTMENTS LP 11766 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE #870 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025	^	^ X	^	^
Liberation Investments, Ltd. PO BOX 31106 SMB CORP CENTRE WEST BAY ROAD GRAND CAYMAN, E9 -	^	^ X	^	^
PEARLMAN EMANUEL R 11766 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 870 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

Liberation Investment Group LLC By: Emanuel R. Pearlman, General Manager**	01/28/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Liberation Investments Ltd. By: Emanuel R. Pearlman, Director**	01/28/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Liberation Investments, L.P. By: Liberation Investment Group, LLC, general partner By: Emanuel R. Pearlman, General Manager**	01/28/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Emanuel R. Pearlman**	01/28/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This is a joint filing by Liberation Investments, L.P. ("LILP"), Liberation Investments, Ltd. ("LILtd"), Liberation Investment Group, LLC ("LIGLLC") and Emanuel R. Pearlman. These securities are directly owned by LILP, in the amount of 1,523,770, and LILtd, in the amount of 815,130. LIGLLC, as general partner of LILP and discretionary investment advisor to LILtd, may be deemed to hold indirect beneficial ownership of the securities. Mr. Pearlman, as General Manager of LIGLLC, may be deemed to hold indirect beneficial ownership of the securities. The joint filers are filing this joint Form 3 because they may be regarded as a group. However, each filer disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the other filers and disclaims

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membership in a group, and this filing shall not constitute an acknowledgement that the joint filers constitute a group.

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