

SEITEL INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MELLON HBV ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES LLC**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 PARK AVE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10166-3399

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SEITEL INC [SELA]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/28/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2006                           |  | J                              |   | 21,499,983  | D  | \$ 2.75 (1)                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 0                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | I                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | See Footnotes                     |

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

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Date Exercisable | 9. Expiration Date | 10. Title    | 11. Amount |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| Standby Warrants (Right to Purchase)       | (1)  | 02/28/2006                           |  | J                              | 15,037,568  | 08/12/2004   | 07/02/2011  |                     |                    | Common Stock | 15,037,568 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MELLON HBV ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES LLC<br>200 PARK AVE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10166-3399 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William Harley  
02/28/2006  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Shares of Issuer's common stock and warrants were sold in a private transaction.  
The Reporting Person serves as investment advisor and agent for Mellon HBV Master Global Event Driven Fund LP, Mellon HBV Master Rediscovered Opportunities Fund LP, Axis RDO Ltd., Distressed Recovery Master Fund Ltd., Mellon HBV Master US Event Driven Funds LP and Lyxor/Mellon HBV Rediscovered Opportunity Fund Ltd.

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