

AVOCENT CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SARACINO SAMUEL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E.  
(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/02/2008

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)  
Exec VP of Legal and Corp

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 01/02/2008                           |  | F                              | (A) or (D)<br>D   | Amount<br>3,567<br>(5)<br>Price<br>\$ 22.3  | 36,283 (4)<br>D  |                                   |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 52.4375   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/18/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/18/2010                     | Common Stock  | 100,000                       |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 21.77   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/15/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/15/2012                     | Common Stock  | 76                            |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 27.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/07/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/07/2013                     | Common Stock  | 40,000                        |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 40.98   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/05/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/05/2014                     | Common Stock  | 30,000                        |
| Option (rights to buy)                     | \$ 28.96   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/19/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/19/2014                     | Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 26.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/30/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/30/2015                     | Common Stock  | 8,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| SARACINO SAMUEL F<br>9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E.<br>REDMOND, WA 98052 |               |           | Exec VP of Legal and Corp |       |

## Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Samuel F. Saracino 01/04/2008

\*\*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) Grant date, 15% vests every six months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests quarterly for the following 24 months and 5% vests quarterly for the remaining 12 months.

(2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and in 10 equal quarterly installments thereafter. The vesting of the unvested options priced at higher than \$25.00 vested on December 25, 2005.

(3) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.

(4) Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006: 2,742 shares vest on January 1, 2008; 7,168 shares vest equally over two years, one-half on January 1, 2008 and one-half on January 1, 2009. Includes 10,753 time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007. The shares vest equally over three years, one-third on January 1, 2008, one-third on January 1, 2009 and one-third January 1, 2010.

(5) 3,567 Shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of restricted share on January 2, 2008

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