

Locke Arthur S III  
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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 \*  
Locke Arthur S III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MICROSTRATEGY INC [MSTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2005

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

VP, Finance and CFO

C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED, 1861 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE

(Street)

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

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

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	02/23/2005		M	16	A	\$ 23	16	D
Class A Common Stock	02/23/2005		M	1,524	A	\$ 20.69	1,540	D
Class A Common Stock	02/23/2005		S	700	D	\$ 70.49	840 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Class A Common Stock	02/23/2005		S	300	D	\$ 70.5	540	D



## Signatures

Arthur S. Locke,  
III

02/25/2005

    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) The order in which sale transactions are set forth in Table I is not necessarily reflective of the sequence in which the sale transactions occurred in fact.

(2) The 16 shares exercised on 02/23/2005 pursuant to this stock option vested on 12/31/2004. The remaining 124 shares subject to the stock option vest as follows: 15 shares on 03/31/2005, 16 shares on 06/30/2005, 15 shares on 09/30/2005, 16 shares on 12/31/2005, 16 shares on 03/31/2006, 15 shares on 06/30/2006, 15 shares on 09/30/2006, and 16 shares on 12/31/2006.

(3) The 1,524 shares exercised on 02/23/2005 pursuant to this stock option vested on 02/08/2005. The remaining 5,100 shares subject to the stock option vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 02/08/2006.

(4) See Exhibit A.

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