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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

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DELFS JAMES G**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

STEIN MART INC [SMRT]

(Check all applicable)

C/O STEIN MART INC, 1200

RIVERPLACE BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2006

X_ Officer (give title

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

below)

SVP, CFO

(Street)

(State)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

value

Stock. \$0.01 par

03/21/2006

8,750 A

30,575

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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (to purchase)	\$ 17.43	03/21/2006		A	38,100	(2)	03/21/2013	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	38,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

DELFS JAMES G C/O STEIN MART INC 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

SVP, CFO

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Signatures

/s/ James G. 03/23/2006 Delfs

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Restricted shares acquired pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan. The shares cliff vest 100% on the seventh anniversary of the grant, unless the Company meets certain earnings per share targets through the end of 2008, in which case the shares will vest 100% on the second anniversary of the grant.
- (2) Granted pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan. The options have a 7 year term and vest 33% at third anniversary, 33% at fourth anniversary and 34% at fifth anniversary.

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