SCHULMAN A INC Form 4

April 08, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 * HOLLAND WILLARD R

(First) (Middle)

(Last)

3 BRIGHTSIDE LANE

(Street)

SAVANNAH, GA 31411

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/05/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Form: Direct

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

Person

5. Amount of

Beneficially

Securities

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

Common

Shares

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Owned Following Reported (A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

 $9,500^{(1)}$ 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 21.41	04/05/2005	<u>(2)</u>	A	35.03 (3)	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	35.03	<u>(2</u>
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 21.41	04/06/2005	<u>(2)</u>	A	35.03 (3)	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	35.03	<u>(2</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting 6 wher runne / runne 655	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HOLLAND WILLARD R 3 BRIGHTSIDE LANE SAVANNAH, GA 31411	X						

Signatures

/s/ Willard R. Holland, by Laura D. Nemeth as attorney-in-fact

04/08/2005

**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) Includes 6,500 shares of restricted stock owned directly by Mr. Holland.
- (2) This field is not applicable.

Pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan, directors may elect to defer all or a portion of their director fees by receiving Phantom Stock Units in lieu of such fees. The number of Phantom Stock Units received is calculated by dividing the amount of

(3) fees deferred by the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the last business day of the preceding calendar year. Phantom Stock Units held by directors are credited with, and additional Phantom Stock Units are issued based on the amount of, dividends paid with respect to the Issuer's Common Stock from time to time. The Phantom Stock Units reflected in this Report were issued in lieu of director fees.

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