

MILLS STEVEN RICHARD

Form 4

January 03, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MILLS STEVEN RICHARD

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND
CO [ADM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4666 FARIES PARKWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2004

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

Group V.P. & Controller

DECATUR, IL 62526

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
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Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/30/2004		M	3,100 A	\$ 9.0703	90,868	D
Common Stock	12/30/2004		F	1,269 D	\$ 22.155	89,599	D
Common Stock	12/31/2004		G	600 D	\$ 0	88,999	D
Common Stock					25,002.13 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Employee Benefit Plan

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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. 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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.0703	12/30/2004		M	3,100	(2) 05/01/2010	Common Stock	3,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MILLS STEVEN RICHARD 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR, IL 62526	Group V.P. & Controller

Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven R. Mills 01/03/2005

__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) Between November 19, 2004 and December 30, 2004, the reporting person acquired 85.3 shares of ADM Common Stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 30, 2004.
- (2) The option was granted in three tranches (A, B and C). The option becomes exercisable in eight equal annual installments commencing on May 1, 2002; provided that the three tranches become exercisable sequentially commencing with Tranche A.

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