

CROMIE SCOTT J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CROMIE SCOTT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2005

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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DOWNERS  
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock \$.01 par value	08/24/2005		M	30,375 A \$ 9.2593	98,506 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value	08/24/2005		S	30,375 D \$ 13.6408	68,131 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value					4,120 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) plan
Common					9,280	I	by spouse

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stock \$.01 par value						
Common stock \$.01 par value				1,041 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Deferred Comp
Common stock \$.01 par value				880	I	Cust. for children
Common stock \$.01 par value				160	I	Cust. for nephew

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.2222					02/13/1998	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	36,000
1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5					12/10/2000	12/31/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value	36,500
1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 18.075					01/29/2000	01/28/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value	25,000
1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 18.075					01/29/2000	01/15/2014	Common stock \$.01 par	21,000

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to Buy)								value	
1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 18.2583					02/16/1999	02/15/2008	Common stock \$.01 par value	27,0
10+ Option Share Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.2593	08/24/2005		M	30,375	02/16/1997	02/15/2006	Common stock \$.01 par value	30,3
WSH Empl. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					05/04/2000	05/03/2006	Common stock \$.01 par value	1,0
2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.75					08/08/2001	08/07/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	40,0
2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.88					03/18/2004	03/17/2013	Common stock \$.01 par value	30,0
2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.3					12/18/2003	12/17/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value	45,0
2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.52					03/16/2002	03/15/2008	Common stock \$.01 par value	50,0
2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.83					02/08/2003	02/07/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value	35,0
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.73					02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock	25,0
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 13.44					02/11/2006	02/10/2015	Common Stock	32,5

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROMIE SCOTT J 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700			AHS - PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney  
08/26/2005

\_\_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 78 shares purchased through the ServiceMaster Employee Share Purchase Plan during the months of April through June 2005.
- (2) Includes 34 shares purchased through the ServiceMaster Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan during the month of May 2005.
- (3) Includes 16 shares purchased through the dividend reinvestment feature of the Deferred Compensation Plan in February and May 2005.

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