Buenting Richard H Form 3 November 01, 2007 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number:

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address Person <u>*</u> Buenting Rich | | rting | 2. Date of Event Requir Statement (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC [STRL] | | | | | |
|---|------|----------------|--|--|--|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (Fin | , | (Middle) | 10/31/2007 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| 20810 FERNBUSH LANE (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77073 | | | | Director Officer (give title below | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer X_Other (give title below) (specify below) CEO of a subsidiary | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) (Sta | ate) | (Zip) | Table 1 | - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | nt of Securities ally Owned | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nat Owne (Instr. | 1 | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 0 | | D | Â | | | | |
| Reminder: Report on owned directly or ind | | e line for eac | ch class of securities ben | eficially S | EC 1473 (7-02 | 2) | | | | |
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| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | |

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(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Buenting Richard H 20810 FERNBUSH LANE HOUSTON, TX 77073 | Â | Â | Â | CEO of a subsidiary | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Roger M. Barzun under a Powe Attorney | 11/01/2007 | | | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Persor | Date | | | | | | |
| Evaluation of Decremons. | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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