

MERINO BRUCE A
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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 *
MERINO BRUCE A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2455 PACES FERRY ROAD
(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HOME DEPOT INC [HD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/20/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Div. Pres. - Western & EXPO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
\$.05 Common Stock	03/20/2006		A		35,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 286,929	D
\$.05 Common Stock	03/20/2006		A		40,000 (2)	A	\$ 0 326,929	D
\$.05 Common Stock	03/20/2006		A		3,450 (3)	A	\$ 0 330,379	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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERINO BRUCE A 2455 PACES FERRY ROAD ATLANTA, GA 30339			Div. Pres. - Western & EXPO	

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Gottsegen,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 03/22/2006

**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) The restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest 100% on the 5th anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest in increments of 25% on the 3rd and 6th anniversaries of the grant date and the remaining 50% at age 60 or the 10th anniversary of the grant date (whichever is earlier).
- (3) The restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest 100% on the 3rd anniversary of the grant date.

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