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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 * Fisher Steven L (Last) (First) (Middle) 501 S.W. JEFFERSON AVE. (Street) PEORIA, IL 61629 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	11,677 ⁽⁵⁾	D	∆
Common	680	I	Owned by Sons

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/09/1998 ⁽²⁾	06/09/2008	Common	3,590	\$ 27.8438	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/1999 ⁽²⁾	06/08/2009	Common	3,208	\$ 31.1719	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/10/2003 ⁽²⁾	06/10/2013	Common	5,240	\$ 27.1425	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/2004 ⁽³⁾	06/08/2014	Common	16,720	\$ 38.6275	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	02/18/2005 ⁽⁴⁾	02/18/2015	Common	11,600	\$ 45.6425	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	Â ⁽⁶⁾	Â ⁽⁶⁾	Common	2,588	\$ ⁽⁷⁾	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fisher Steven L 501 S.W. JEFFERSON AVE. PEORIA, IL 61629	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

Steven L. Fisher; L.J. Huxtable, POA	12/02/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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).
- (1) Stock Option (right to buy) granted under company's 1996 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Exercisable in thirds - 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.
- (3) The option became exercisable December 31, 2004.
- (4) The option became exercisable immediately.
- (5) Included in this amount are 6439 shares in 401K, 274 shares in SEIP and 28 shares in dividend reinvestment.
- (6) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (7) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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