DESIMONE LIVIO D

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DESIMONE LIVIO D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2005

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

WELLS FARGO PLACE, 30 SEVENTH STREET EAST, SUITE 3050

(State)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6.

(I)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ST. PAUL, MN 55101-4901

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount (D)

Price

(A)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

COMMON STOCK

(City)

02/23/2005

269 A

\$ 51.035 A 44,437 (1)

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monun Day/ Year)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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

DESIMONE LIVIO D WELLS FARGO PLACE 30 SEVENTH STREET EAST, SUITE 3050 ST. PAUL, MN 55101-4901

Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of LIVIO DeSIMONE

02/25/2005

**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).

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(1) Common stock issued to Non-Employee Director in lieu of retainer under the 2001 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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