

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO

Form 4

March 17, 2003

**FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* |                                      |                                                    | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                                           |                                                                 |                                                                                             |                                                          | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)                                                                                                                           |  |
| Kropf, Susan J.                          |                                      |                                                    | The Sherwin-Williams Company SHW                                                      |                                                                 |                                                                                             |                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                  |                                      |                                                    | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)         |                                                                 | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br>03/14/2003                                               |                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                                   |  |
| 1345 Avenue of the Americas              |                                      |                                                    |                                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| (Street)                                 |                                      |                                                    | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)                                    |                                                                 | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                 |                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                                   |  |
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| (City) (State) (Zip)                     |                                      |                                                    | <b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |                                                                 |                                                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 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 & 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 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                                                                                       |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 & 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                          |      |         |  | & 5) |   |        |     |                      |                         |                 |                                        |      |                       | Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|------|---------|--|------|---|--------|-----|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                          |      |         |  | Code | V | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exer-cisable | Expira-<br>tion<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |      |                       |                               |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup> | 9.66 | 3/14/03 |  | A    |   | 345.07 |     | <sup>(1)</sup>       | <sup>(1)</sup>          | Common<br>Stock | <sup>(1)</sup>                         | 9.66 | 345.07 <sup>(2)</sup> | D                             |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Acquisition of phantom stock units (in an exempt transaction) under the Director Deferred Fee Plan to be settled generally upon the Reporting Person's retirement. The plan utilizes unit accounting, with phantom stock units consisting primarily of phantom shares of common stock and a small percentage of short-term investments (based upon a beginning per unit price of \$10.00 at April 1, 1997).

(2) Includes phantom stock units acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment feature of the plan.

By: /s/ **Louis E. Stellato, Attorney-in-fact**

**3/17/03**

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*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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