

LEONE JOSEPH M

Form 4

May 13, 2005

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEONE JOSEPH M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 CIT DRIVE 1 CIT DRIVE

(Street)

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

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

05/12/2005

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)

Vice Chairman and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		45,000	A	\$ 21.05
Common Stock	05/12/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		1,500	D	\$ 40.15
Common Stock	05/12/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		12,300	D	\$ 40.1
Common Stock	05/12/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$ 40.08
Common Stock	05/12/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$ 40.07
	05/12/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		1,900	D	

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Common Stock						\$ 40.06	
Common Stock	05/12/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	500	D	\$ 40.04	126,843.8586	D
Common Stock	05/12/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	200	D	\$ 40.01	126,643.8586	D
Common Stock	05/12/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	28,000	D	\$ 40	98,643.8586	D

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 21.05	05/12/2005		M	45,000	<u>(2)</u> 01/21/2013	Common Stock	45,000
01/21/03 (\$21.05)								

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
LEONE JOSEPH M 1 CIT DRIVE LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Vice Chairman and CFO

Signatures

James P. Shanahan,
Attorney-in-Fact 05/13/2005

**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).
- (1) Option exercise and sale of shares in accordance with a written plan established March 24, 2005 pursuant to the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Options vest on the anniversary of the grant date of 1/21/2003 in increments of 1/3 each year for a period of 3 years, commencing on 1/21/2004.

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