#### MERINO BRUCE A

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad MERINO BI	ddress of Reporting P RUCE A	Symbol	r Name <b>and</b> DEPOT I	Ticker or Trading  NC [HD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (M	(iddle) 3. Date of	f Earliest Tra	ansaction	(Cile	ok un uppneusk	•)			
2455 PACES	S FERRY ROAD	(Month/I 03/20/2	•		Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Div. Pres Western & EXPO					
	(Street)	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
ATLANTA,	GA 30339	Filed(Mo	nth/Day/Year)	)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			

Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code		(D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	8)	(Instr. 3, 4	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownershi
								Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
						(A)		Reported		
						or		Transaction(s)		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
\$.05					25.000					
Common	03/20/2006		A		35,000	A	\$0	286,929	D	
Stock					<u>(1)</u>			,-		
\$.05					40,000					
Common	03/20/2006		A		(2)	A	\$0	326,929	D	
Stock					<u>`</u>					
\$.05										
	02/20/2006				3,450		Φ.Δ	220.270	Ъ	
Common	03/20/2006		A		(3)	A	\$ 0	330,379	D	
Stock					_					

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if TransactionNumber E		Expiration Date Amou			nt of	Derivative	De	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Se
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Ве
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		O
	Security				Acquired						Fo
					(A) or						Re
					Disposed						Tr
					of (D)						(Iı
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date	Expiration Date		Number		
						Exercisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code V	(A) $(D)$				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERINO BRUCE A 2455 PACES FERRY ROAD ATLANTA, GA 30339

Div. Pres. - Western & EXPO

## **Signatures**

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

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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).
- The restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest 100% on the 5th anniversary **(1)** of the grant date.
- The restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest in increments of 25% on the (2) 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).
- The restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest 100% on the 3rd anniversary

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