

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
SONNENBLICK ARTHUR	ALEXANDERS INC [ALX]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	
712 5TH AVENUE	9/7/2004	
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK, NY 10019		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YYYY)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Shares	9/7/2004		M		1000 A \$70.375	1000 ^(U)	D
Common Shares	9/7/2004		S		500 D \$198.05	500 ^(U)	D
Common Shares	9/7/2004		S		500 D \$198.2	0 ^(U)	D

Table II - Derivative Securities 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 (MM/DD/YYYY)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YYYY)	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	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 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) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Options (Right to Buy)	\$70.375	9/7/2004		M	100	3/4/1999	3/4/2009	Common Shares	1000	\$70.375	8000	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Number of common shares beneficially owned as of September 7, 2004.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
X			

SONNENBLICK ARTHUR
712 5TH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10019

Signatures

/s/ Arthur I. Sonnenblick
** Signature of Reporting Person

9/9/2004
Date

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).

** 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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