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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### RULE 13e-3 TRANSACTION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 13(e) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 7)

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## TROY Group, Inc.

(Name of the Issuer)

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**TROY Group, Inc.**  
**Dirk, Inc.**  
**Patrick J. Dirk**  
**Brian P. Dirk**  
**Mary J. Dirk**

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

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**Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share**

**89733N 10 6**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

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- b.  The filing of a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933.
- c.  A tender offer.

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- d.  None of the above.
- Check the following box if the soliciting materials or information statement referred to in checking box (a) are preliminary copies.
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<u>Transaction Valuation*</u>	<u>Amount of Filing Fee**</u>
\$10,771,720	\$1,365

\* For purposes of calculating the filing fee only. Determined by multiplying 3,520,170 shares of common stock of TROY Group, Inc. (the "Company"), by \$3.06 per share.

\*\* The amount of the filing fee calculated in accordance with Exchange Act Rule 0-11 equals 1/50th of 1% of the transaction valuation.

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Amount Previously Paid: \$1,366

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Filing Party: Troy Group, Inc.

Date Filed: June 17, 2004

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## INTRODUCTION

This Amendment No. 7 to the Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3 (this "Transaction Statement") is being filed by Patrick J. Dirk ("Mr. Dirk"), Brian P. Dirk, Mary J. Dirk, Dirk, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Mergerco"), and TROY Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("TROY" or the "Company"), and the issuer of the equity securities that are the subject of the Rule 13e-3 transaction. Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 26, 2004, as amended by the First Amendment to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 5, 2004, Mergerco, which is controlled by Mr. Dirk and certain of his family members and trusts (the "Affiliated Stockholders"), will merge with and into the Company, and the Company will be the surviving corporation.

Upon completion of the merger, each issued and outstanding share of the Company's common stock will be converted into the right to receive \$3.06 in cash, without interest, except that: (1) treasury shares and shares of the Company's common stock held by Mergerco or the Affiliated Stockholders, immediately prior to the effective time will be cancelled without any payment therefor; and (2) shares held by stockholders who properly exercise appraisal rights will be subject to appraisal in accordance with Delaware law, if applicable. Upon completion of the merger, the Affiliated Stockholders are expected to own all of the Company's post-merger common stock.

This Transaction Statement is being filed to amend Item 5 to disclose the material terms of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release entered into by and among the Company, Mergerco, the Dirk Family Trust, Westar Capital LLC ("Westar"), Robert Messina and Del Conrad, along with the Voting Agreement with Messrs. Messina and Conrad. This Transaction Statement also amends Item 16 to include a press release issued by the Company on November 9, 2004.

The information required to be disclosed in this Transaction Statement, including the applicable sections of Regulation M-A under the Exchange Act, is disclosed in the Definitive Proxy Statement and the exhibits and appendices thereto filed on October 7, 2004 (the "Proxy Statement").

All information contained in this Transaction Statement concerning the Company and its subsidiaries has been supplied by the Company, and all information concerning Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders has been supplied by Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders and their representatives and agents.

### Item 1. Summary Term Sheet

Item 1001 of Regulation M-A

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET" is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 2. Subject Company Information.

Item 1002 of Regulation M-A

- (a) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Parties to the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference. TROY is the issuer of the class of equity securities that is the subject of the Rule 13e-3 transaction.
- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "THE SPECIAL MEETING Who Can Vote" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DIVIDENDS" is incorporated herein by reference.

- (d) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DIVIDENDS" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement and the caption "COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person.**

Item 1003 of Regulation M-A

- (a)-(c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Parties to the Merger" and "DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS" is incorporated herein by reference.

Mary J. Dirk has been actively involved in TROY since she co-founded TROY with her husband, Patrick J. Dirk, in May 1982. Since our initial public offering, Mrs. Dirk has held various non-officer management positions and currently holds the position of Vice President of Administration. All of the filing persons are citizens of the United States. During the last five years, none of the filing persons and none of the directors and executive officers of TROY have been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or was a party to any judicial or administrative proceeding (except for matters that were dismissed without sanction or settlement) that resulted in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining the person from future violations of, or prohibiting activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or a finding of any violation of federal or state securities laws.

**Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.**

Item 1004 of Regulation M-A

- (a)(1) Not applicable.
- (a)(2)(i) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET" and "THE SPECIAL MEETING Purpose of the Special Meeting" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a)(2)(ii) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET The Merger," "THE SPECIAL MEETING Purpose of the Special Meeting," "SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger," "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Payment for Shares" and "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Treatment of Stock Options, Stock Awards and Warrants" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a)(2)(iii) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Our Purpose and Reasons for the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Our Purpose and Reasons for the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger." "SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Reasons of Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders for the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Mergerco and Affiliated Stockholders' Position as to the Fairness of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.

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- (a)(2)(iv) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Vote Required" and "THE SPECIAL MEETING Required Vote" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a)(2)(v) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Effects of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Advantages and Disadvantages of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger," "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Payment for Shares" and "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Treatment of Stock Options, Stock Awards and Warrants" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a)(2)(vi) Not Applicable.
- (a)(2)(vii) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences," "SPECIAL FACTORS Advantages and Disadvantages of the Merger," and "SPECIAL FACTORS Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET The Merger," "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Effects of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Advantages and Disadvantages of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger" and "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Conversion of Common Stock" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Appraisal Rights," and "SPECIAL FACTORS Appraisal Rights" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) None.
- (f) Not Applicable.

### **Item 5. Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.**

#### Item 1005 of Regulation M-A

- (a)(1) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "SPECIAL FACTORS Related Party Transaction" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a)(2) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SPECIAL FACTORS Related Party Transactions" and "COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Interests of Our Directors and Officers in the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger; Potential Conflicts of Interest" is incorporated herein by reference.

On November 5, 2004, the Company, Mergerco, the Dirk Family Trust (the "Dirk Trust"), Westar, Mr. Messina and Mr. Conrad entered into a Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release, pursuant to which Westar agreed, among other things, that for one year it would not, nor would it

permit any affiliated party, (i) acquire or beneficially own shares of the Company's common stock or other voting security, (ii) make or participate in any solicitation of proxies with respect to the voting of any of the Company's voting securities, (iii) form, join or in any way participate in a "group" with respect to the voting securities of the Company, (iv) deposit any shares of the Company's common stock or other voting securities in a voting trust or subject them to a voting agreement or other agreement or arrangement with respect to the voting of such securities, (v) otherwise act, alone or in concert with others, to seek to control the management, board of directors, policies or affairs of the Company or solicit, propose, seek to effect or negotiate with any other person with respect to any form of business combination transaction with the Company or any affiliate thereof, or any restructuring, recapitalization or similar transaction with respect to the Company or any affiliate thereof, or solicit, make or propose, or encourage or negotiate with any other person with respect to, or announce an intent to make, any tender offer, exchange offer, or any other offer for any of the Company securities, (vi) disclose an intent, purpose, plan or proposal with respect to the Company or any of the Company's securities inconsistent with the provisions of the settlement agreement, including an intent, purpose, plan or proposal that is conditioned on or would require the Company to waive the benefit of or amend any provision of the settlement agreement, or assist, participate in, facilitate, encourage or solicit any effort or attempt by any person to do or seek to do any of the foregoing, or (vii) encourage or render advice to or make any recommendation or proposal to any person or other entity to engage in any of the actions covered by these provisions. This settlement agreement also provided for the mutual release as between the Company, Mergerco and the Dirk Trust, and Westar, Mr. Messina and Mr. Conrad, for any and all claims, among other things, arising out of any act, omission, transaction, event, occurrence or misrepresentation occurring on or before November 5, 2004. In connection with the settlement agreement, Mergerco and Messrs. Messina and Conrad agreed to enter into a voting agreement.

Pursuant to the Voting Agreement, dated November 5, 2004, by and among Messrs. Messina and Conrad (the "Stockholders"), the Company and Mergerco, the Stockholders agreed to irrevocably appoint Mr. Patrick J. Dirk and Mr. Brian P. Dirk as proxy for and attorney in fact of the Stockholders to act with respect to and vote all shares of the Company's common stock held by the Stockholders at any annual, special or other meeting of the stockholders of the Company and at any adjournment or postponement thereof or pursuant to any written consent in lieu of a meeting, to the fullest extent that the Stockholders' shares are entitled to be voted, in favor of the merger and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

**Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals.**

Item 1006 of Regulation M-A

- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SPECIAL FACTORS Structure of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger" and "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Conversion of Common Stock" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c)(1)-(8) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET The Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger," "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Payment for Shares" and "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Transfer of Shares" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Purposes, Alternatives, Reasons and Effects.**

Item 1013 of Regulation M-A

- (a) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Our Purpose and Reasons for the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Our Purpose and Reasons for the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Reasons of Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders for the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Our Purpose and Reasons for the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Our Purpose and Reasons for the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Reasons of Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders for the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Mergerco and Affiliated Stockholders' Position as to the Fairness of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET The Merger," "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Effects of the Merger," "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences," "SPECIAL FACTORS Advantages and Disadvantages of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences," "SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger," "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Effective Time of the Merger," "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Conversion of Common Stock," "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Payment for Shares," "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Transfer of Shares" and "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Treatment of Stock Options, Stock Awards and Warrants" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8. Fairness of the Transaction.**

Item 1014 of Regulation M-A

- (a) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Recommendations of the Special Committee and TROY's Board of Directors; Fairness of the Merger," "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and reasons of Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders for the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.



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- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Recommendations of the Special Committee and TROY's Board of Directors; Fairness of the Merger," "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and reasons of Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders for the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Vote Required" and "THE SPECIAL MEETING Required Vote" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Special Committee," "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Recommendations of the Special Committee and TROY's Board of Directors; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Recommendations of the Special Committee and TROY's Board of Directors; Fairness of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (f) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 9. Reports, Opinions, Appraisals and Negotiations.**

Item 1015 of Regulation M-A

- (a)-(c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee" is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 10. Source and Amounts of Funds or Other Consideration.**

Item 1007 of Regulation M-A

- (a) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Merger Financing," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Merger Financing" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Merger Financing," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Merger Financing" is incorporated herein by reference.

- (c) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Fee and Expense Reimbursement Upon Termination," "SPECIAL FACTORS Estimated Fees and Expenses of the Merger" and "THE MERGER AGREEMENT Expense Reimbursement Upon Termination" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Merger Financing," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Merger Financing" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 11. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company.**

Item 1008 of Regulation M-A

- (a) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption "SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 12. The Solicitation or Recommendation.**

Item 1012 of Regulation M-A

- (d) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Position of Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders as to Fairness of the Merger," "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Interests of Our Directors and Officers in the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Reasons of Mergerco and the Affiliated Stockholders for the Merger" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) Not Applicable.

**Item 13. Financial Statements.**

Item 1010 of Regulation M-A

- (a) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" and "SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 14. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used.**

Item 1009 of Regulation M-A

- (a)-(b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the captions "SUMMARY TERM SHEET Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee," "SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger," "SPECIAL FACTORS Merger Financing" and "SPECIAL FACTORS Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger; Potential Conflicts of Interest" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 15. Additional Information.**

Item 1011 of Regulation M-A

- (b) The information set forth in the Proxy Statement and appendices thereto is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 16. Exhibits.**

Item 1016 of Regulation M-A.

Exhibit Number	Description
(a)(2)(1)	Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 7, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement).
(a)(2)(2)	Form of letter from the Company to the Stockholders of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement).
(a)(2)(3)	Form of proxy card (incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement).
(a)(5)(1)	Press release issued by the Company on May 26, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under cover of Form 8-K on May 27, 2004).
(a)(5)(2)	Press release issued by the Company on July 28, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under cover of Schedule 14A on July 28, 2004).
(a)(5)(3)	Press release issued by the Company on September 8, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under cover of Schedule 14A on September 8, 2004).
(a)(5)(4)	Press release issued by the Company on September 24, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under cover of Form 8-K on September 24, 2004).
(a)(5)(5)	Press release issued by the Company on October 8, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under cover of Schedule 14A on October 8, 2004).
(a)(5)(6)	Press release issued by the Company on November 3, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under cover of Schedule 14A on November 3, 2004).

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- (a)(5)(7) Press release issued by the Company on November 8, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under cover of Schedule 14A on November 8, 2004).
  - (a)(5)(8) Press release issued by the Company on November 9, 2004.
  - (b)(1)\* Commitment Letter of Comerica Bank California, dated May 20, 2004.
  - (c)(1) Fairness Opinion of Business Equity Appraisal Reports, Inc., dated May 24, 2004 and updated on May 26, 2004 (incorporated here by reference to Appendix B of the Proxy Statement).
  - (c)(2)\* Report by Business Equity Appraisal Reports, Inc. to the Company's special committee of the board of directors, dated May 28, 2004.
  - (c)(3)\* Draft Valuation Report by Business Equity Appraisal Reports, Inc. (as if private) to the Company's special committee of the board of directors, dated May 7, 2004.
  - (c)(4)\* Draft Valuation Report by Business Equity Appraisal Reports, Inc. (as if public) to the Company's special committee of the board of directors, dated May 7, 2004.
  - (d)(1) Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 26, 2004, by and between Dirk, Inc. and the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A of the Proxy Statement).
  - (d)(2) First Amendment to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 5, 2004, by and between Dirk, Inc. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Appendix A-1 to the Proxy Statement).
  - (d)(3) Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release, dated November 5, 2004, by and among the Company, Dirk, Inc., the Dirk Family Trust, Westar Capital LLC, Robert Messina and Del Conrad.
  - (d)(4) Voting Agreement, dated as of November 5, 2004, by and among the Company, Dirk, Inc., Del Conrad and Robert Messina.
  - (f)(1) Section 262 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix C to the Proxy Statement).
  - (g) None
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Previously filed.



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(c)(4)*	Valuation Report by Business Equity Reports, Inc. (as if public) to the Company's special committee of the board of directors, dated May 7, 2004.

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- (d)(1) Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 26, 2004, by and between Dirk, Inc. and the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A of the Proxy Statement).
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  - (d)(4) Voting Agreement, dated as of November 5, 2004, by and among the Company, Dirk, Inc., Del Conrad and Robert Messina.
  - (f)(1) Section 262 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix C to the Proxy Statement).
  - (g) None
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