

MILNE DAVID C  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MILNE DAVID C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 General Counsel; Secretary

(Street)  
 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Price                                                  | 10,044                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |

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)**

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| 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 (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Option                                     | \$ 17.14                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                | 08/04/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 08/04/2009                     | Common Stock                                                  | 5,000                      |
| Option                                     | \$ 15.1                                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                | 06/21/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/21/2007                     | Common Stock                                                  | 2,100                      |
| Option                                     | \$ 9.9                                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                | 10/01/2001 <sup>(1)</sup> 10/01/2006                     | Common Stock                                                  | 500                        |
| Option                                     | \$ 19.71                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                | 02/21/2005 02/21/2010                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 1,575                      |
| Option                                     | \$ 19.75                                               | 09/14/2005                           |                                                    | A                              | 6,000                                                                          | 09/14/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/14/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>      | Common Stock                                                  | 6,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                             | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| MILNE DAVID C<br>36 S. PENNSYLVANIA<br>SUITE 500<br>INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 |               |           | General Counsel; Secretary |       |

## Signatures

David C. Milne                      09/14/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) These options vest over a five year period, with 20% vesting on the date of grant and the remainder on each anniversary thereof in 20% increments.

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