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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Mergenthaler Frank

1114 AVENUE OF THE

AMERICAS, 19TH FLOOR (Street)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/03/2005

INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. [IPG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Exec. VP & CFO

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of

Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

1

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mergenthaler Frank

1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 19TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10036

Signatures

/s/ Marjorie M. Hoey POA for Frank Mergenthaler

08/03/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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