MGP INGREDIENTS INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

THORNTO	Symbol MGP INGREDIENTS INC [MGPI]						Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) 1300 MAIN 130	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2006						Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)						
					4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ATCHISON, KS 66002									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Noi	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	05/23/2006			M		3,000	A	\$ 6.75	27,000	D			
Common Stock	05/23/2006			S		3,000	D	\$ 28.18	24,000	D			

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	ise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options - ISO	\$ 6.75	05/23/2006		M	3,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/05/2008	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THORNTON WILLIAM R 1300 MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 130 ATCHISON, KS 66002

Vice President

Signatures

William R. 05/25/2006 Thornton

**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) 1,500 shares exercisable on 3/5/1999; 1,500 exercisable on 3/5/2000

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