

BERSCHIED JOHN R JR  
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 \*  
BERSCHIED JOHN R JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALBERTO CULVER CO [ACV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
31440 SOMERSET CIRCLE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/11/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Group V-P, Global R & D

GREEN OAKS, IL 60048  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,490.38  | I  | By 401(K) Plan  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,037.49  | I  | By Profit Sharing Plan                                |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2005                           |  | M                              | 21,000 A  | \$ 15.0209 25,831   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2005                           |  | S                              | 19,000 D  | \$ 43 6,831   | D  |   |

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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)

| 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 Acquired (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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 15.0209   | 05/11/2005                           |  | M                              | 21,000  | <u>(1)</u> 05/29/2010                                    | Common Stock 21,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships   |
|--|---|
| BERSCHIED JOHN R JR<br>31440 SOMERSET CIRCLE<br>GREEN OAKS, IL 60048 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other<br>Group V-P, Global R & D |

## Signatures

/James M. Spira/Attorney-in-fact for John R. Berschied, Jr. 05/13/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on May 29, 2001.

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