

SILGAN HOLDINGS INC
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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 *
PAULSON GLENN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O SILGAN CLOSURES
 LLC, 1140 31ST STREET**

(Street)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SILGAN HOLDINGS INC [SLGN]

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

05/20/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/20/2005		M		1,727	A	\$ 22.125
Common Stock	05/20/2005		S		1,727	D	\$ 55 500
Common Stock	05/23/2005		M		13,273	A	\$ 22.125 13,773
Common Stock	05/23/2005		S		13,273	D	\$ 55 500

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

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This amount consists of 15,000 options granted on 2/14/1997 (all of which are currently exercisable), 38,500 options granted on 2/4/2000 (2) (all of which are currently exercisable), 1,900 options granted on 5/3/2002 (1,140 of which are currently exercisable), and 10,000 options granted on 11/7/2003 (2,500 of which are currently exercisable).

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