

BANKGESELLSCHAFT BERLIN AG  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 BANKGESELLSCHAFT BERLIN AG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC [IAF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ALEXANDERPLATZ 2

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/22/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 BERLIN, 2M 10178

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

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

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 12/22/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 1,612,900   | D  | \$ 13.251                                  |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,003,050   | D  |  |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 12/22/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 810,000   | D  | \$ 13.25                                   |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,193,050   | D  |  |
| Common Stock, par                       | 12/23/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 810,000   | D  | \$ 13.25                                   |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,383,050   | D  |  |

value  
\$.01 per  
share

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 Number of Shares |
| Call Option (right to buy)                 | \$ 1.5 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | 12/22/2005                           |  | P                              | 1,600,000   | 07/03/2006   | 07/03/2006  | Common Stock | 1,600                   |
| Call Option (right to buy)                 | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 12/22/2005                           |  | P                              | 810,000   | 07/03/2006   | 07/03/2006  | Common Stock | 810                     |
| Call Option (right to buy)                 | \$ 1.5 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | 12/23/2005                           |  | P                              | 810,000   | 07/03/2006   | 07/03/2006  | Common Stock | 810                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BANKGESELLSCHAFT BERLIN AG<br>ALEXANDERPLATZ 2<br>BERLIN, 2M 10178 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Claudia Fritze, Director and /s/ Dirk Kipp, Managing Director  
12/27/2005

\_\_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) Pursuant to Rule 16b-6(c)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the deemed purchase price is \$13.25 per share, the market price of the underlying Common Stock on the American Stock Exchange at the time of these purchases.

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