FERGUSON STUART E

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FERGUSON STUART E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

WEATHERFORD

INTERNATIONAL LTD [WFT]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

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

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

515 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 600

(Street)

12/31/2004

Sr VP & Chief Tech. Off.

Applicable Line)

Director

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

(Instr. 8)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		,				(Instr. 5)
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	12/31/2004		A		79		(2)	<u>(2)</u>	Common Shares	79	\$ 0
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>							(3)	(3)	Common Shares	3,630	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FERGUSON STUART E 515 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 600 HOUSTON, TX 77027

Sr VP & Chief Tech. Off.

Signatures

Burt M. Martin, by power of attorney

01/04/2005

**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 phantom stock units convert to common shares on a one-for-one basis.
- The phantom stock units were credited under the Company's Foreign Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Plan (the "FEDC"). The phantom stock units credited are based upon the Company's allocation of 15% of the participant's compensation. All units credited under the FEDC vest at 20% per year for each year of service. Distributions under the FEDC are made upon termination of employment, retirement or death of the participant.
- All phantom stock units credited under the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") with respect to deferrals by a participant are 100% vested at all times. All units credited under the Plan with respect to the Company's 7.5% allocation and matching allocation vest at 20% per year for each year of service after January 1, 1993. Distributions under the Plan are made upon termination of employment, retirement or death of the participant.

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