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(Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> NICHOLSON JON R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD [WFT]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 515 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 600			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/07/2005				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP Human Resources				
HOUSTON,	(Street) TX 77027			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0 Form filed by M	One Reporting Pe	erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	a I - Non-D	orivotivo S	ocurit	ies Aco	Person uired, Disposed of	f or Bonoficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction E (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Executio any		3.	4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	es Ac	quired of	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	
Common Shares, \$1.00 par value	01/07/2005			А	30,000 (1)	A	<u>(2)</u>	33,692	D		
Common Shares, \$1.00 par value								1,222	I	By 401(k)	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerce Expiration D		7. Title and Amount of		9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(monda, Duy, Four)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and	Security (Instr. 5)	Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amo or Title Num of Share	ber	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
NICHOLSON JON R 515 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 600 HOUSTON, TX 77027			Sr VP Human Resources		
Signatures					
Burt M. Martin, by power of attorney	01/	/11/2005			
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date			

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Transaction is a grant of restricted shares that vests in four equal annual installments beginning on January 7, 2006.

(2) Transaction is a grant of restricted shares and therefore has no purchase price.

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