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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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02/23/2005

Class A

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Locke Arthur S III Issuer Symbol MICROSTRATEGY INC [MSTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O MICROSTRATEGY 02/23/2005 below) below) **INCORPORATED, 1861** VP, Finance and CFO INTERNATIONAL DRIVE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MCLEAN, VA 22102 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Class A Common 02/23/2005 M 16 \$ 23 16 D A Stock Class A Common 1.524 1.540 02/23/2005 M D Stock Class A Common 02/23/2005 S 700 840 (1) D Stock

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\$ 70.5 540

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Common Stock

Class A

Common 02/23/2005 S 540 D \$ 70.52 D

Stock

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)	\$ 23	02/23/2005		M	16	(2)	04/25/2012	Class A Common Stock	16
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.69	02/23/2005		M	1,524	(3)	02/08/2013	Class A Common Stock	1,524

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Locke Arthur S III C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED 1861 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22102

VP, Finance and CFO

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Signatures

Arthur S. Locke, 02/25/2005

**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 order in which sale transactions are set forth in Table I is not necessarily reflective of the sequence in which the sale transactions occurred in fact.
- The 16 shares exercised on 02/23/2005 pursuant to this stock option vested on 12/31/2004. The remaining 124 shares subject to the stock option vest as follows: 15 shares on 03/31/2005, 16 shares on 06/30/2005, 15 shares on 09/30/2005, 16 shares on 12/31/2005, 16 shares on 03/31/2006, 15 shares on 06/30/2006, 15 shares on 09/30/2006, and 16 shares on 12/31/2006.
- (3) The 1,524 shares exercised on 02/23/2005 pursuant to this stock option vested on 02/08/2005. The remaining 5,100 shares subject to the stock option vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 02/08/2006.
- (4) See Exhibit A.

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