

**ENSCO PLC**  
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**SWENT JAMES W III**

**FORM 4**  
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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# FORM 4

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

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Section 17(a) of the Public  
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
<b>SWENT JAMES W III</b>			<b>ENSCO INTERNATIONAL INC</b>			_____ Director _____ 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			___ X ___ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)		
<b>500 N. AKARD STREET, SUITE 4300</b>			<b>12/16/2004</b>			<b>Senior Vice President</b>		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>DALLAS, TX 75201-3331</b>						___ X ___ 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/16/2004		M		10000	A	\$24.56	55000	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2004		S		10000	D	\$31.81	45000	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$24.56	12/16/2004		M		10000	(1)	7/28/2008	Common Stock	10000	\$24.56	90000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) The employee stock options vest at a rate of 25% per annum on the anniversary date of the grant.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>SWENT JAMES W III</b> <b>500 N. AKARD STREET</b> <b>SUITE 4300</b> <b>DALLAS, TX 75201-3331</b>			<b>Senior Vice President</b>	

**Signatures**

**Cary A. Moomjian, Jr., by Power of Attorney**

**12/17/2004**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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

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