

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	1025 ELDORADO BOULEVARD BLDG 2000 BROOMFIELD, CO 80021
Telephone	7208881000
CIK	0000794323
Symbol	LVLT
SIC Code	4813 - Telephone Communications, Except Radiotelephone
Industry	Communications Services
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	12/31

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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)
MORTENSEN ERIC	LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS INC [LVLTL]	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
1025 ELDORADO BLVD.	8/5/2005	SVP, Controller
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
BROOMFIELD, CO 80021		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	8/5/2005		A		10462	A	(1)	324702	D	
Common Stock	8/5/2005		S		3355 (2)	D	\$1.9500	321347	D	
Common Stock								16494	I	By 401(k)

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Pursuant to the terms of the Convertible Outperform Stock Option, the Reporting Person elected to receive one share of Common Stock in exchange for each Convertible Outperform Stock Option exercised for a zero exercise price.
- The transaction reported represents the results of the exercise by the Reporting Person of convertible outperform stock options that were originally granted to the Reporting Person in September 2001. These convertible outperform stock options were scheduled to expire on September 1, 2005. The shares of common stock shown to have been disposed of by the Reporting Person represents those shares of common stock sold by the Reporting Person to provide cash proceeds to enable the Reporting Person to satisfy the withholding tax requirement that was created upon the exercise of the convertible outperform stock options. The balance of the shares acquired from this exercise are being retained by the Reporting Person.
- (2)

Reporting Owners

Signatures

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORTENSEN ERIC 1025 ELDORADO BLVD. BROOMFIELD, CO 80021			SVP, Controller	

**By: /s/ Neil J.
Eckstein as
Attorney in Fact**

8/10/2005

**** 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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