

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)		
MCKINNEL HENRY A			MOODYS CORP /DE/ [MCO]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
99 CHURCH STREET			12/10/2004					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
NEW YORK, NY 10007						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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	12/10/2004		A		3 (1)	A	\$83.09	9130	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				
Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Compensation) (2)	\$0.00 (3)	12/10/2004		A		5.087	8/8/1988 (4)	8/8/1988 (4)	Common Stock	5.087	\$83.35	5759.02	D	
Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Performance Shares) (5)	\$0.00 (3)	12/10/2004		A		0.7	8/8/1988 (6)	8/8/1988 (6)	Common Stock	0.7	\$83.35	778.6703	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted Stock deferred dividend reinvestment accrual
- (2) Phantom stock units arising out of the Reporting Person's election to defer receipt of retainer fees.
- (3) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) These units are to be settled in cash after the Reporting Person's retirement.
- (5) Phantom stock units arising out of the Reporting Person's election to defer receipt of earned performance shares.
- (6) These units are to be settled in stock after the Reporting Person's retirement.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCKINNELL HENRY A 99 CHURCH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10007	X			

Signatures

John J. Goggins, by power of attorney for Henry A. McKinnell

12/14/2004

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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