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1(b). Form 3 F Reported Form 4 Transact Reported	Holdings Section 17( 1 ions	a) of the I	Public U		ng Compai	ny Ao	ct of 1		n			
1. Name and Address of Reporting Perso HEIST CHARLES H			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ABLEST INC [AIH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (	Middle)		-	-	Ende	d	(Check all applicable)				
321 N CLARK STREET, SUITE 2800, C/O TODD PFISTER			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2005					X_ DirectorX_ 10% Owner Officer (give titleX_ Other (specify below) below) Chairman				
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)					
CHICAGC	), IL 60610						Form Filed by M	One Reporting Person More than One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-Der	vivative Secu	irities	Acqui	ed, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired tion (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 2 and	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	09/16/2005	Â		G5	107,545	D		199,193	D	Â		
Common Stock	09/16/2005	Â		G5	107,545	D	\$ <u>(1)</u>	132,248	Ι	Held by wife in trust		
Common Stock	09/16/2005	Â		G5	191,047	D	\$ <u>(2)</u>	8,146	D	Â		

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Stock									trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	454,645	Ι	By C. H. Heist Intervivos Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	160,894	I	In trusts for children $(3)$

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D S G E I S Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HEIST CHARLES H 321 N CLARK STREET, SUITE 2800 C/O TODD PFISTER CHICAGO, IL 60610	ÂX	X	Â	Chairman			
Signatures							
/s/ Carolyn T. Long as Attorney in Fact t Heist	for Charl	es H.	03/	/13/2006			
**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) Shares gifted by the reporting person on September 16, 2005 to a revocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's wife.

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(2) These shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned but were contributed to a revocable trust on September 16, 2005.

(3) Shares held in trust for the benefit of Kelli Ann Heist, Charles B. Heist, IV, and Rebecca Lynn Heist.

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