

POWELL INDUSTRIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SEALE STEPHEN W JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 POWELL INDUSTRIES INC  
 [POWL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/09/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

PO BOX 790

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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LAVERNIA, TX 78121-0790

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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	05/09/2008		M	2,000 (1) A \$ 23.48	20,414 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2008		M	2,000 (3) A \$ 15.1	22,414 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2008		M	2,000 (4) A \$ 16.48	24,414 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2008		S	6,000 D \$ 50.018	18,414 (2)	D	

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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Stock Options	\$ 23.48	05/09/2008		M	2,000	06/26/2003	06/26/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options	\$ 15.1	05/09/2008		M	2,000	06/25/2004	06/25/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options	\$ 16.48	05/09/2008		M	2,000	06/24/2005	06/24/2012	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SEALE STEPHEN W JR PO BOX 790 LAVERNIA, TX 78121-0790		X		

## Signatures

Don R. Madison, Power of Attorney for Stephen W. Seale, Jr. 05/13/2008

\*\*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) Becomes exercisable on the first anniversary of 06/26/2002, the date of the grant.

This number does not include shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options, which were inadvertently included in

(2) Column 5 of the reporting person's two most recent Form 4 reporting Table I information, filed on August 30, 2007 and January 3, 2008, but does include 3,000 shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture upon certain conditions.

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- (3) Becomes exercisable on the first anniversary of 06/25/2003, the date of the grant.
- (4) Becomes exercisable on the first anniversary of 06/24/2004, the date of the grant.

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