

JORGENSEN EARLE M CO /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Nelson Maurice S JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EARLE M. JORGENSEN  
 COMPANY, 10650 ALAMEDA  
 STREET

(Street)

LYNWOOD, CA 90262

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 JORGENSEN EARLE M CO /DE/  
 [JOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/20/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, CEO and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 100   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2005                           |  | J(1)(2)                        | 4,172 A (1)(2)  | 4,172 (1)(2)  | I  | By Stock Bonus Plan               |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 3.0667  | 04/20/2005                           |  | J <sup>(1)(2)</sup>            | 1,693,538   | 04/20/2005   | 01/29/2009  | Common Stock | 1,693,538               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Nelson Maurice S JR<br>C/O EARLE M. JORGENSEN COMPANY<br>10650 ALAMEDA STREET<br>LYNWOOD, CA 90262 | X             |           | President, CEO and COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William S. Johnson, as Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 04/20/2005

\_\_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).

- Prior to the transaction reported on this form, Mr. Nelson owned (i) 3,992 shares of the common stock of Earle M. Jorgensen Holding Company, Inc. (the "Holding Common Stock"), 2 shares of Holding's series B preferred stock ("Holding Series B Preferred Stock"), and 1 share of Holding's 13% Cumulative Preferred Stock ("Holding Series A Preferred Stock") allocated to Mr. Nelson's stock bonus plan
- (1) account, and (ii) fully vested options exercisable for 1,693,538 shares of the Holding Common Stock. Pursuant to a merger and financial restructuring that is exempt under Rule 16b-7, among other things, (a) each share of Holding Series A Preferred Stock was exchanged for \$403.75 in cash and 41.29 shares of the Issuer's common stock, without giving effect to the holdback of shares in respect of the underwriters' over-allotment option, (continued in footnote 2)
- (2) (b) each share of Holding Series B Preferred Stock was exchanged for \$494.38 in cash and 50.56 shares of the Issuer's common stock, without giving effect to the holdback of shares in respect of the underwriters' over-allotment option, and (c) each stock option that had been exercisable for shares of Holding Common Stock became exercisable for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock at the same exercise prices and on the same terms and conditions as provided in the Holding stock option agreements and stock option plan.

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