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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement INTER TEL INC [INTL] Gardner John L (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2007 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O INTER-TEL (Check all applicable) (DELAWARE), **INCORPORATED. 1615** 10% Owner Director **SOUTH 52ND STREET** \_X\_\_ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Sr. V.P. & General Counsel Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person TEMPE, AZÂ 85281 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip)

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5)  $D^{(1)}$ Â Common Stock 1,670

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options	(2)	05/28/2007	Common Stock	21,000	\$ 7.9375	D	Â
Stock Options	(3)	08/08/2010	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 12.875	D	Â
Stock Options	(4)	03/09/2011	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 9.0313	D	Â
Stock Options	(5)	04/30/2011	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 9.89	D	Â
Stock Options	(6)	04/14/2013	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 13.57	D	Â
Stock Options	(7)	05/03/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 19.13	D	Â
Stock Options	(8)	07/28/2016	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 21.23	D	Â
Performance Shares	(9)	04/27/2009	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 21.23 (10)	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
4	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Gardner John L					
C/O INTER-TEL (DELAWARE), INCORPORATED 1615 SOUTH 52ND STREET	Â	Â	Sr. V.P. & General Counsel	Â	
TEMPE, AZ 85281					

# **Signatures**

Kurt R. Kneip 02/23/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 350 shares of the total of 1670 shares held in a 401(k) account
- (2) 1/5th of the original grant of 40,000 on each anniverary of grant date 5/28/1997
- (3) 1/5th of the original grant of 10,000 on each anniversary of grant date 08/08/2000
- (4) 1/5th of the original grant of 15,000 on each anniversary of original grant date 03/09/2001

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- (5) 1/5th of the original grant of 7,500 on each anniversary of grant date 04/30/2001
- (6) 1/5th of the original grant of 9,000 on each anniversary of grant date 04/14/2003
- (7) 1/3rd of the original grant of 10,000 on each anniverary of grant date of 05/03/2005
- (8) 1/3rd of the original grant of 10,000 on each anniverary of grant date 07/28/2006
- (9) 1/2 on 04/27/2008 and 1/2 on 04/27/2009 so long as the Company meets or exceeds selected earnings per share targets
- (10) Although the market price on the date of the award was \$21.23, should the performance goals be achieved, the shares will be issued at no cost

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