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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 4

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

O Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

1.	Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	3.	I.R.S. Identification Reporting Person, if an entity	
	Farrell, W James		Illinois Tool Works Inc. (ITW)			
	(Last) (First) (Middle)	•				
	Illinois Tool Works Inc. 3600 West Lake Avenue (Street)		Statement for Month/Day/Year	<ul><li>5.</li><li>7.</li></ul>	(Month/Day/Year)	
			March 21, 2003			
			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)			
	Glenview, IL 60025		X Director O 10% Owner		X	Form Filed by One Reporting Person
	(City) (State) (Zip)		X Officer (give title below)		0	Form Filed by More
			Other (specify below)			than One Reporting Person
			Chairman & CEO			

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, <i>see</i> instruction 4(b)(v).

Title of 2 Security (Instr. 3)	Transaction 2 Date (Month/Day/Year)	A. 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	3/21/2003		S	5,600 360	D	62.06 62.12	11,375	I	(1)
Common Stock							16,462	I	(2)
Common Stock							6,880	I	(3)
Common Stock							16	I	(4)
Common Stock							140,000	D	(5)

<sup>(1)</sup> Held in Revocable Trust (2) Shares held in JM Investment Partners L.P. (3) Shares allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan Information reported as of 3/21/03. Shares held by my son as to which I disclaim beneficial ownership. (5) Grant of Restricted Stock Vesting over 3 year period 12/16/03, 12/16/04, 12/16/05

Title of Derivative 2. Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise 3. Price of Derivative Security	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution 4. Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction 5. Code (Instr. 8)		A) or Disposed of (I
				Code V	(A)	( <b>D</b> )
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	34.59					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	54.62					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	33.375					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	33.375					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	58.25					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	65.50					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	55.875					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	62.25					
	62.25					

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			int derlying rities	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)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
11/23/1999	5/4/09	(1)			606	D	
2(a)	12/12/07				100,000	D	
3(a)	5/3/06				38,504	D	
3(a)	5/3/06				311,496	I	(4)
2(b)	12/11/08				100,000	D	
2(c)	12/17/09				200,000	D	
2(d)	12/15/10				450,000	D	
2(e)	12/14/11				400,000	D	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Options received for options for 75 shares of Premark International Inc. pursuant to merger with ITW (2) Options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1 year from date of grant: (a) 12/12/97 (b) 12/11/98 (c) 12/17/99 (d) 12/15/00 (e) 12/14/01 (3) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning 1 year from date of grant: (a) 5/3/96 (4) Transfer of options that were previously owned by me to JM Investment Partners L.P.

W. James Farrell
By Stewart S. Hudnut,
Senior Vice President,
General Counsel &
Secretary
Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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