AVATAR HOLDINGS INC

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(Middle)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DRESNER MILTON H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Symbol AVATAR HOLDINGS INC

(Check all applicable)

[AVTR]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/03/2006

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

HIGHLAND COMPANIES, 28777 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034

Security

(Instr. 3)

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric Underlying Securities Deriva

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	Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Securi (Instr.
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date	Amount or Number of Shares					
	Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2006		A	73.95	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	73.95	\$ 54 (3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DRESNER MILTON H HIGHLAND COMPANIES 28777 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034



Signatures

Juanita I. Kerrigan, attorney-in-fact for Milton H.

Dresner

01/04/2006

**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) The units convert to Common Stock of the Issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.
- The units, which represent a deferral of a portion of director's fees payable to the Reporting Person, are fully vested at all times and are convertible into shares of Issuer's Common Stock at the earlier of a date specified by the Reporting Person or the date on which the Reporting Person no longer serves as a director of the Issuer.
- (3) Represents the closing price of Issuer's Common Stock as of the date for payment of director's fees, which closing price represents the denominator for purposes of determining the number of Stock Units attributable to the Reporting Person's deferral account.

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