DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **CLAYTON JAMES L**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/24/2005

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

100 MISSION RIDGE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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

Person

GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

(Street)

(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(City)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount Date orNumber of Shares Restricted 4,600 4,600 Common (3) Stock (1) 05/24/2005 $05/24/2006^{(3)}$

(2)

Stock

(2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CLAYTON JAMES L 100 MISSION RIDGE X GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

Signatures

Units

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan, by Power of Attorney 05/25/2005

**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).
- (1) The restricted stock units convert to shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Represents the number of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on May 24, 2005 pursuant to the terms of the Dollar General Corporation 1998 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Although the restricted stock units generally vest on May 24, 2006, no payout can be made (in either shares of common stock or in cash) until the reporting person ceases service as a director of the Issuer.
- The restricted stock units vest on various dates ranging from March 12, 2005 to May 24, 2006. The total amount includes 47.24 restricted (4) stock units that were acquired since the reporting person's last report reflecting ownership of restricted stock units. Those units were acquired pursuant to automatic dividend reinvestments that were exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

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