

RUSSELL STEPHEN  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RUSSELL STEPHEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE CELADON DRIVE, 9503  
EAST 33RD STREET  
(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46235

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CELADON GROUP INC [CLDN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/20/2006

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)  
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
				(A) Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/20/2006		M	10,000 A \$ 10	469,742	D	

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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 10	01/20/2006		M	10,000	<u>(1)</u> 03/07/2006	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUSSELL STEPHEN ONE CELADON DRIVE 9503 EAST 33RD STREET INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46235	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen Russell, by Heidi Hornung-Scherr, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a POA previously filed with the SEC 01/24/2006

\_\_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) Original grant was an option to purchase 20,000 shares of the issuer's Common Stock, which vested 6,667, 6,667, and 6,666 on 3/7/97, 3/7/98, and 3/7/99, respectively. Upon exercise, the derivative security converts on a one-for-one basis into the issuer's Common Stock

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