

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO  
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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 \*  
 PETERSON BRIAN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4666 FARIES PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/21/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

DECATUR, IL 62526  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M		2,050	A	\$ 13.6871
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M		11,944	A	\$ 9.0703
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M		3	A	\$ 12.5333
Common Stock	12/21/2004		F		6,271	D	\$ 21.75
Common Stock					29,738.93	(1) I	

Employee Benefit Plan

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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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.6871	12/21/2004		M	2,050	<sup>(2)</sup> 04/17/2007	Common Stock 2,050
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.0703	12/21/2004		M	11,944	<sup>(3)</sup> 05/01/2010	Common Stock 11,944
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5333	12/21/2004		M	3	<sup>(4)</sup> 08/02/2006	Common Stock 3

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETERSON BRIAN F 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR, IL 62526			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-Fact for Brian F. Peterson 12/22/2004

\_\_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) Between November 18, 2004 and December 21, 2004, the reporting person acquired 101.47 shares of ADM common stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 21, 2004.
- (2) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on April 17, 1998.
- (3) The option was granted in three tranches (A, B and C). The option becomes exercisable in eight equal installments commencing on May 1, 2002; provided that the three tranches are exercisable sequentially commencing with Tranche A.
- (4) The options becomes exercisable in 25% increments annually commencing on August 2, 2002.

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