

SEITEL INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Spivy Gregory P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SEITEL INC [SELA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/21/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01	04/21/2006		A		20,833 (1)	A	(2)
					20,833	D	(3)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Spivy Gregory P 435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory P. Spivy  
04/25/2006

\*\*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).
- Received as Gregory P. Spivy's compensation for services as director. Grant is of restricted stock that vests as follows: one-third of the
- (1) restricted stock vests one year from the date of grant, an additional one-third vests two years from date of grant, and the remaining one-third vests three years from the date of grant.
  - (2) Not a required reportable field.
  - (3) Under an agreement with ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P., Gregory P. Spivy is deemed to hold the restricted stock for the benefit of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and indirectly for (i) VA Partners, L.L.C. as General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. (ii) ValueAct Capital Management, L.P. as the manager of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and (iii) ValueAct Capital Management, LLC as General Partner of ValueAct Capital Management, L.P. (collectively "ValueAct Capital"). Gregory P. Spivy is a director of Seitel, Inc. and Non-Managing Member of VA Partners, LLC and ValueAct Capital Management, L.P. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported stock, and any other stock owned by ValueAct Capital, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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