

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC
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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 *
GOLKIN PERRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC [BRW]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O KKR, 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 41ST FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/01/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security (Instr. 5) | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 12/01/2004(2) | A | | 1.43 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 1.43 | \$ 20. |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GOLKIN PERRY C/O KKR 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 41ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | X | X | | |

Signatures

Richard Kreider, by power of attorney for Reporting Person. 12/02/2004

__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) These Phantom Stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

The transaction date is the date on which the Phantom Stock units were priced under the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee

(2) Director's Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan and were credited to the reporting person's account within the Plan. These Phantom Stock units are from the reinvestment of dividends on the Phantom Stock units awarded pursuant to the Plan.

(3) These Phantom Stock units become payable per the election of the reporting person's termination of service as director, subject to certain provisions as set forth in the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee Director's Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan.

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