

Ward Christopher Rhett Sr
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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 *
 Ward Christopher Rhett Sr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS INC [SHLL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC., 16313 N. DALE MABRY HWY, SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/05/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP of Purchasing

TAMPA, FL 33618
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)
Stock Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 0.7	01/05/2007		A	75,000	01/05/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 01/05/2014	Common Stock, \$0.01 par per share 75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ward Christopher Rhett Sr C/O SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC. 16313 N. DALE MABRY HWY, SUITE 100 TAMPA, FL 33618			VP of Purchasing	

Signatures

Christopher R Ward, Sr 01/09/2007

**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) Options will vest over three years, one third per year as of the anniversary date.

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