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# FORM 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NAIR HARI N			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TENNECO INC [TEN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approacte)		
AV. DU BOURGETLAAN, 50			(Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2006	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Exec. VP and M. Dir. Eur.		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
BRUSSELS, B	BELGIUM B	3-1130	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/14/2006		<u>J(1)</u>	6,000	A	\$0	36,782	D		
Common Stock	01/14/2006		F(2)	2,686	D	\$ 21.19	34,096	D		
Common Stock	01/14/2006		<u>J(1)</u>	6,000	D	\$ 0	40,000 (3)	D		
Common Stock	01/16/2006		A(4)	15,000	A	\$ 21.19	55,000 (3)	D		
Common Stock							4,248 <u>(5)</u>	I	By 401(K).	

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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 proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		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)	\$ 21.19	01/16/2006		A(6)	5,000	01/16/2007	01/16/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	01/16/2006		A(6)	5,000	01/16/2008	01/16/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	01/16/2006		A(6)	5,000	01/16/2009	01/16/2013	Common Stock	5,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
NAIR HARI N								
AV. DU BOURGETLAAN, 50			Exec. VP and M. Dir. Eur.					
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM B-1130								

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Date

### **Signatures**

/s/ Timothy R. Donovan, Attorney-in-fact for Hari
N. Nair

01/18/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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) Reflects vesting of restricted stock, which is now being reported as non-restricted stock.
- (2) Reflects disposition of shares to the Issuer in the form of share withholding to satisfy tax obligation in connection with the vesting of restricted stock described above.
- (3) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4) Reflects grant of restricted stock to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3, one-third of which vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- Reflects shares allocated to, and indirectly held by, Reporting Person under the Issuer's 401(K) Plan (the Plan Shares). The Plan Shares (5) reported as beneficially owned by Reporting Person on his last Report may not equal the Plan Shares reported herein as being owned at the end of the period covered by this Report.
- (6) Reflects grant of stock options to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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