

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
ROSS JAMES H		MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES INC [MHP]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)		<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL GRIDTRANSCO, 1-3 STRAND		1/5/2004			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
LONDON WC2N 5EH				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	1/5/2004		J		15.4909	A	\$0	3166.5579 (1)	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock Units	\$0.00	1/5/2004		A	V	1012.84		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1012.8400	(3)	7327.7700	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 15.4909 shares acquired in 2003 under The McGraw-Hill Companies Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- The phantom stock units were accrued under The McGraw-Hill Companies Director Deferred Stock Ownership Plan and are to be settled 100% in The McGraw-Hill Companies common stock at such time as the reporting person ceases to be a director.
- The phantom stock units were accrued under the McGraw-Hill Companies Director Deferred Stock Ownership Plan based on the average of the monthly average for each month during 2003 of the means between the reported high and low sale prices of a share of McGraw-Hill Common Stock for each trading day during each month.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROSS JAMES H DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL GRIDTRANSCO 1-3 STRAND LONDON WC2N 5EH	X			

Signatures

/s/ Ross, James H.

1/6/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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