

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) | |
| HAAHR JAMES S | | META FINANCIAL GROUP INC [CASH] | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | Chairman of the Board | |
| METABANK, 2500 SOUTH MINNESOTA AVE | | 1/19/2006 | | | |
| (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | |
| SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105 | | | | <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 | 1/19/2006 | 1/19/2006 | M | | 9000 | A | \$15 | 93332 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 83869 | I | by LLC |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 25897.85 | I | by ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 70738.683 | I | by 401(k) |

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) |
|---|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$15 | 1/19/2006 | 1/19/2006 | M | 9000 | 1/23/1996 1/23/2006 | Common Stock 9000 | \$15 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$15.75 | | | | | 9/30/1996 9/30/2006 | Common Stock 14250 | | 14250 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$20.125 | | | | | 9/30/1997 9/30/2007 | Common Stock 5250 | | 5250 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$13 | | | | | 9/30/1999 9/30/2009 | Common Stock 4987 | | 4987 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$9.625 | | | | | 9/30/2000 9/30/2010 | Common Stock 4500 | | 4500 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$13.65 | | | | | 9/30/2001 9/30/2011 | Common Stock 5250 | | 5250 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$14.41 | | | | | 9/30/2002 9/30/2012 | Common Stock 5220 | | 5220 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$21.765 | | | | | 9/30/2003 9/30/2013 | Common Stock 7500 | | 7500 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$22.18 | | | | | 9/30/2004 9/30/2014 | Common Stock 8100 | | 8100 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HAAHR JAMES S METABANK 2500 SOUTH MINNESOTA AVE | X | X | Chairman of the Board | |

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| SIoux FALLS, SD 57105 | | | | |
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Signatures

Jonathan M. Gaiser

1/20/2006

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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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