PINCHEV ALEX Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PINCHEV ALEX

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

RED HAT INC [RHAT]

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

C/O RED HAT, INC., 1801

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

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

02/06/2006

X_ Officer (give title below)

VARSITY DRIVE

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

EVP Worldwide Sales

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RALEIGH, NC 27606

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/06/2006		M	6,250	A	\$ 13.53	36,875	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2006		S(1)	3,250	D	\$ 28.23	33,625	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2006		S(1)	3,000	D	\$ 28.24	30,625	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2006		M	28,125	A	\$ 13.53	58,750	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2006		S(1)	28,125	D	\$ 28.08	30,625	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.53	02/06/2006		M	6,250	<u>(2)</u>	11/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.53	02/07/2006		M	28,125	(2)	11/07/2013	Common Stock	28,125

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
4	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

PINCHEV ALEX C/O RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606

EVP Worldwide Sales

Signatures

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact UPOA 02/08/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) This stock sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 trading plan effective December 27, 2005.
- (2) This option is exercisable 25% on the first anniversary date and 6.25% on the first day of each subsequent three month period following one year from the date of grant.

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