

SEITEL INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VA PARTNERS LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SEITEL INC [SELA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/10/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock par value \$.01 per share	01/10/2005		P	200,000 A \$ 1.23	20,530,063	I	See footnotes (1) (2)
Common Stock par value \$.01 per share	01/11/2005		P	650,000 A \$ 1.25	21,180,063	I	See Footnotes (1) (2)
Common Stock par value \$.01 per share	01/12/2005		P	250,000 A \$ 1.24	21,430,063	I	See Footnotes (1) (2)

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Common Stock par value \$.01 per share	01/12/2005	P	164,000	A	\$ 1.25	21,594,063	I	See Footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
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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 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VA PARTNERS LLC 435 PACIFIC AVENUE FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133		X		
UBBEN JEFFREY W 435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133		X		
KAMIN PETER H TWO INTERNATIONAL PLACE, 25TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110		X		

## Signatures

VALUEACT CAPITAL MASTER FUND, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER, By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	01/12/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
VALUEACT CAPITAL PARTNERS CO-INVESTORS, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER, By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	01/12/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	01/12/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ubben	01/12/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.	01/12/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Peter H. Kamin	01/12/2005
__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) As General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.
- These securities are also beneficially owned by Jeffrey W. Ubben, George F. Hamel, Jr., and Peter H. Kamin as Managing Members, Principal Owners and Controlling Persons of VA Partners, LLC, the General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and
- (2) ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

### Remarks:

#### Joint Filer Information

Name: ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P.  
 Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133  
 Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.  
 Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)  
 Date of Event Requiring Statement: January 10, 2005

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 Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)  
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Name: Peter H. Kamin

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