

WABASH NATIONAL CORP /DE
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SMITH ROBERT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WABASH NATIONAL CORP /DE [WNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1000 SAGAMORE PARKWAY SOUTH
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/18/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP - CFO

LAFAYETTE, IN 47905

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	05/18/2006		A	4,080	A	11,230	D

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 16.81	05/18/2006		A	16,440	(4) 05/18/2016	Common Stock	16,440
Restricted stock unit	(6)	05/18/2006		A	8,440	(7) (7)	Common stock	8,440

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH ROBERT J 1000 SAGAMORE PARKWAY SOUTH LAFAYETTE, IN 47905			Senior VP - CFO	

Signatures

Robert J. Smith 05/26/2006

__Signature of Date
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) Restricted Stock Award
- (2) Award is fully vested on 5/18/09
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit award
- (4) Award vests in three equal installments on May 18, 2007, 2008 & 2009
- (5) Option Grant
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WNC common stock
- (7) The grantee will be entitled to receive shares of common stock equal to the number of units that have vested as of 5/18/09, which will be determined on measurement of the Corporation's achievement of certain financial goals

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