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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Thompson Paul			Symbol TERRA INDUSTRIES INC [TRA]					Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 600 FOURTH STREET, P.O. BOX 6000			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2005					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) V.P., Sales and Marketing			
SIOUX CIT	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 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. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		of (D)	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)	
Common Stock								189	I	By Trustee for Terra's 401(k) Plan	
Common Stock	08/10/2005			M	15,000	A	\$ 3.875	141,500	D		
Common Stock	08/10/2005			S	15,000	D	\$ 8.49	126,765 (1)	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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Y	ear)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 3.875	08/10/2005		M		15,000	09/17/2002	09/16/2009	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thompson Paul 600 FOURTH STREET P.O. BOX 6000 SIOUX CITY, IA 51102-6000

V.P., Sales and Marketing

Signatures

/s/ Mark A. Kalafut, attorney-in-fact

08/12/2005

Date

**Signature of 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) Reflects increase of 265 shares erroneously not reported.

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