

JORGENSEN EARLE M CO /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Rutledge John

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EARLE M. JORGENSEN  
 COMPANY, 10650 ALAMEDA  
 STREET

(Street)

LYNWOOD, CA 90262

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 JORGENSEN EARLE M CO /DE/  
 [JOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/20/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	04/20/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000	A	Ⓛ	5,000	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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.8933	04/20/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	17,641	04/20/2005	12/31/2007	Common Stock	17,641
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.3818	04/20/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	17,641	04/20/2005	12/31/2008	Common Stock	17,641
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.1234	04/20/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	17,641	04/20/2005	12/31/2009	Common Stock	17,641
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.1438	04/20/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	17,641	04/20/2005	12/31/2010	Common Stock	17,641
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10					10/15/2005	04/15/2015	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rutledge John C/O EARLE M. JORGENSEN COMPANY 10650 ALAMEDA STREET LYNWOOD, CA 90262	X			

## Signatures

/s/ William S. Johnson, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/20/2005

\*\*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).

Prior to the transaction reported on this form, Mr. Rutledge owned 5,000 shares of the common stock of Earle M. Jorgensen Holding Company, Inc. (the "Holding Common Stock"), fully vested options exercisable for 70,564 shares of Holding Common Stock, and options exercisable for 10,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock. Pursuant to a merger and financial restructuring that is exempt under

- (1) Rule 16b-7, among other things, (a) each share of Holding Common Stock was exchanged for one share of the Issuer's common stock, and (b) each stock option that had been exercisable for shares of Holding Common Stock became exercisable for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock at the same exercise prices and on the same terms and conditions as provided in the Holding stock option agreements and stock option plan.

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