

RUBELI PAUL E
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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 *
RUBELI PAUL E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AZTAR CORPORATION, 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AZTAR CORP [AZR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2004

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)

Chairman of the Board and CEO

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/13/2004 | | S | | 29,900 D \$ 33.9 | 188,391 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/13/2004 | | S | | 5,000 D \$ 33.98 | 183,391 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/13/2004 | | S | | 5,000 D \$ 34 | 178,391 | D |
| Aztar Common | 12/13/2004 | | S | | 100 D \$ 34.04 | 178,291 | D |

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|--------------------------|------------|--|---|--------|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Stock | | | | | | | | |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | 9,700 | D | \$ 34.05 | 168,591 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | 10,000 | D | \$ 34.2 | 158,591 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 34.31 | 158,291 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | 9,200 | D | \$ 34.52 | 149,091 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | 3,825 | D | \$ 34.57 | 145,266 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | 3,900 | D | \$ 34.6 | 141,366 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | 800 | D | \$ 34.69 | 140,566 | 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 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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RUBELI PAUL E AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400 PHOENIX, AZ 85016 | X | | Chairman of the Board and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Paul E.
Rubeli

12/14/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
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