

Nash Joshua Lionel
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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 *
 Nash Joshua Lionel

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVATAR HOLDINGS INC
 [AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ODAV LLC, 280 PARK AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Deriva |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security (Instr. 3) | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------|-------------------|-----|-----|
| | | | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 05/01/2006 | A | 23.53 | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 23.53 | \$ 61. <u>(3)</u> | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nash Joshua Lionel C/O ODAV LLC 280 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017 | X | | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

Juanita I. Kerrigan, attorney-in-fact for Joshua Nash
Date: 05/02/2006

 **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) The units convert to Common Stock of the Issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.
The units, which represent a deferral of a portion of director's fees payable to the Reporting Person, are fully vested at all times and are
- (2) convertible into shares of Issuer's Common Stock at the earlier of a date specified by the Reporting Person or the date on which the Reporting Person no longer serves as a director of the Issuer.
- (3) Represents the closing price of Issuer's Common Stock as of the date for payment of director's fees, which closing price represents the denominator for purposes of determining the number of Stock Units attributable to the Reporting Person's deferral account.

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