

SPARTAN STORES INC
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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 *
VAN HALL THOMAS A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2006

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)
Vice President of Finance

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2006 | | M | | 6,000 | A | \$ 8.07 |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2006 | | M | | 6,250 | A | \$ 2.29 |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2006 | | M | | 781 | A | \$ 3.25 |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2006 | | F | | 7,371 | D | \$ 13.295 |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 5,660 | D | \$ 13.787 |

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Common Stock 13,000 I By Wife's Trust

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.07 | 05/15/2006 | | M | 6,000 | 05/08/2003 05/08/2012 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.07 | | | | | 05/08/2004 05/08/2012 | Common Stock | 6,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.07 | | | | | 05/08/2005 05/08/2012 | Common Stock | 6,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.07 | | | | | 05/08/2006 05/08/2012 | Common Stock | 6,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.29 | 05/15/2006 | | M | 6,250 | 05/07/2006 05/07/2013 | Common Stock | 6,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.29 | | | | | 05/07/2007 05/07/2013 | Common Stock | 6,250 |

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|--|---------|------------|--|---|-----|------------|------------|-----------------|-----|
| Buy) Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.25 | 05/15/2006 | | M | 781 | 05/12/2006 | 05/12/2014 | Common Stock | 781 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.25 | | | | | 05/12/2007 | 05/12/2014 | Common Stock | 781 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.25 | | | | | 05/12/2008 | 05/12/2014 | Common Stock | 782 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VAN HALL THOMAS A C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 | | | Vice President of Finance | |

Signatures

/s/ Gordon R. Lewis, attorney
in fact

05/17/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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