STEIN MART INC

Form 4

September 20, 2005

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

DELFS JAMES G

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O STEIN MORT INC, 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD

(Street)

(Ctata)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STEIN MART INC [SMRT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/16/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) SVP, CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------|--|--|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (IIISU. 4) | |
| Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | 09/16/2005 | | M | 7,643 | A | \$ 5.7188 | 19,587 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | 09/16/2005 | | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 23.91 | 17,587 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | 09/16/2005 | | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 23.9 | 15,587 | D | |

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| Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | 09/16/2005 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 23.82 | 13,587 | D |
|---|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | 09/16/2005 | S | 1,524 | D | \$ 23.61 | 12,063 | D |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | 09/16/2005 | S | 119 | D | \$ 24.3 | 11,944 | D |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Transaction Derivative Code Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (to purchase) | \$ 5.7188 | 09/16/2005 | | M | 7,643 | <u>(1)</u> | 09/29/2005 | Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value | 7,64 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|--|--|--|
| Toporting O Whor I while / I wanted | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| DELFS JAMES G | | | | | | | |
| C/O STEIN MORT INC | | | CVD CEO | | | | |
| 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD | | | SVP, CFO | | | | |
| JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 | | | | | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ James G. 09/20/2005 Delfs

**Signature of Date
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) Granted pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. Employee Stock Option Plan. Shares vest 33% @ 3rd yr, 33% @ 4th yr & 34% @ 5th yr. Grant to expire 9/29/05.

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