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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and AcCLARKE A	•	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
430 AIRPORT ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CFO & Senior VP		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
GREENEVI	LLE, TN 37	7745	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner		

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)	Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
				or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount (D) Pric	2		
Common Stock	02/12/2006		A	$\frac{12,000}{(1)}$ A \$0	15,167 <u>(2)</u>	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed						Repo Trans
					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	tor 10% Owner Officer		Other			
CLARKE ANDREW C 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745	X		CFO & Senior VP				

Signatures

By: /s/ Lera Doherty,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/14/2006

**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).
- Award of time-vesting restricted stock under the Forward Air Corporation 1999 Stock Option and Incentive Plan in transaction exempt

 (1) from Section 16(b) under Pule 16b 3. The stock wests equally in one third ingraments even three years commencing February 12, 2007.
- (1) from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The stock vests equally in one-third increments over three years commencing February 12, 2007 and fully vesting on February 12, 2009.
- (2) Includes 427 shares acquired in December 2005 under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan.

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