

SCHMIDT RICHARD 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 *
SCHMIDT RICHARD E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWPORT CORP [NEWP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1791 DEERE AVENUE
(Street)

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

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

IRVINE, CA 92606
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
Common Stock	01/01/2006		M	V 45,000 A \$ 2.6667	45,000	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2006		G ⁽¹⁾	V 45,000 D \$ 0	0	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2006		G ⁽¹⁾	V 45,000 A \$ 0	145,639	I	Held in family trust ⁽²⁾

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.6667	01/01/2006		M	45,000	01/02/1997	01/01/2006	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.86	01/03/2006		A	7,500	01/03/2007	01/02/2016	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHMIDT RICHARD E 1791 DEERE AVENUE IRVINE, CA 92606		X		

Signatures

Jeffrey B. Coyne, Sr. VP & General Counsel, as attorney-in-fact for reporting person
Date: 01/04/2006

__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) Reporting person transferred 45,000 shares, which were acquired January 1, 2006 upon exercise of a stock option, to reporting person and his spouse as trustees of the Schmidt Family Trust.
- (2) Shares are held by reporting person and his spouse as trustees of the Schmidt Family Trust.

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