

SILGAN HOLDINGS 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 *
GERVAIS RUSSELL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SILGAN PLASTICS CORPORATION, 14515 N. OUTER FORTY, SUITE 210

(Street)

CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SILGAN HOLDINGS INC [SLGN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2006

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)
President - Silgan Plastics

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/18/2006		M	A	3,000	\$ 16.54	7,000 D
Common Stock	05/18/2006		S	D	3,000	\$ 37.675	4,000 D

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)
Nonqualified options to purchase common stock	\$ 16.54	05/18/2006		M	3,000	(1) 11/06/2010	Common Stock 3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GERVAIS RUSSELL F C/O SILGAN PLASTICS CORPORATION 14515 N. OUTER FORTY, SUITE 210 CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017			President - Silgan Plastics	

Signatures

/s/ Frank W. Hogan, III, Attorney-in-fact for Russell F. Gervais
Date: 05/19/2006

__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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(1) These options were granted on 11/7/2003 and vest ratably over a four year period beginning 11/7/2004. 9,000 of these options were exercisable prior to the transactions reported on this Form 4.

(2) On September 15, 2005, a two-for-one stock split of the Common Stock of Silgan Holdings Inc. in the form of a stock dividend was effected, resulting in the reporting person holding an additional 18,900 nonqualified options to purchase common stock prior to the transactions reported on this Form 4. This amount includes 16,800 options granted on 2/4/2000 (all of which are currently exercisable) and 18,000 options granted on 11/7/2003 (6,000 of which are currently exercisable).

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