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		ANN	ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENE OWNERSHIP			31, 2005				
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[_]	or Form 5 obligations may continue. See	Act of 1935 or								
[_]	Instruction 1(b).									
	Form 3 Holdings Reported									
	Form 4 Transactions Reported									
Name and Address of Reporting 2. Is Person* Shaffer				Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Dollar General Corporation (DG)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) [_] Director [_] 10% Owner			
Donald S.						ficer (give	[_]			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting	4. Statement for Month/Year	titla balay	w)				
			Person, if an entity (voluntary)	January 31, 2003	title below)					
			(vorumary)	sundary 51, 2005	below)					
	100 Mission Ridge									
					Actin	g Chief Execut Officer,	ive			
						and Chief Ope Officer				
(Street)				5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [X] Form filed by One					

Goodlettsville Reporting Person [_] Form filed by More than TN One Reporting Person 37072 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially **Owned** 1. Title of 2. Trans-2A. 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount 7. Nature of 6. Transaction (A) or Disposed of (D) Security action Deemed of Securities Owner- Indirect (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 3) Date Execution Code Beneficially ship Beneficial (mm/dd/yy) Date, if (Instr. 8) Owned at Form: Ownership the end of (Instr. 4) Direct any (mm/dd/yy) Issuer's (D) or (A) Price Fiscal Year Indirect Amount or (I) (D) (Instr. 3 and (Instr.

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

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FORM 5 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially (continued)

Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1.Title of Derivative Security (Instr.3)	_,	Date Date, if any Codercise (mm/dd/yy) (mm/dd/yy) (Insee of ivative		Transac Code (Instr.	5. Number times Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			
				Code V	(A) (D))	Title	

8. Price Derivat Security (Instr. 5

(Over)

SEC 2270 (9-02)

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

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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.14	08/12/02	A	137,600	(1)	08/12/12	Common Stock	Shares 137,600

Explanation of Responses:

(1)

The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on August 12, 2003.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts /s/ Donald S. Shaffer constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

3/9/03

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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