FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

| Washington, D | .C. 20549 |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| l | OMB APPROVAL             |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MEISTER PAUL M  (Last) (First) (Middle)  MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. |   |  |   |                      | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC [ MTX ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2004 |         |   |  |                    |   | [] (Che  | Relationship of Reporting Pe<br>Check all applicable)  X Director  Officer (give title<br>below) |   |                                  | rson(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify<br>below)               |                                       |
|---|---|--|---|----------------------|--|---------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|--|---|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE  (Street)  NEW YORK NY 10174  (City) (State) (Zip)                                       |   |  |   |                      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |         |   |  |                    | Line)   | 5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |                                  |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D  |   |  |   | nsaction<br>th/Day/Y | action 2A. Deemed Execution Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) tive Securities Acqueuts, calls, warrants,  |         | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code (Ins<br>8)<br>Code V | 4. Secur<br>Dispose<br>Amount                                  | (A) or (D)         | (A) or<br>. 3, 4 and 5<br>Price                             | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  |  | Form:   | Direct I<br>Indirect E<br>tr. 4) | . Nature of<br>ndirect<br>seneficial<br>ownership<br>instr. 4)           |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | te, 4. Transactio    |  | tion of |   | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and a of Securities Underlying I Security (Ins. 4) | Derivative str. 3 and  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactic<br>(Instr. 4) | lly                              | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | Code                 | v  | (A)     | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |  |   |                                  |  |                                       |
| PHANTOM<br>STOCK<br>UNITS   | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 01/02/2004                                 | 01/02/2004  | A                    |  | 46.413  |   | (2)  | (2)                | COMMON<br>STOCK   | 46.413   | \$59.25  | 8,785.625   | 5 <sup>(3)</sup>                 | D  |                                       |
| PHANTOM<br>STOCK<br>UNITS   | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 01/02/2004                                 | 01/02/2004  | A                    |  | 16.25   |   | (2)  | (2)                | COMMON<br>STOCK   | 16.25  | \$59.37  | 8,801.875   | 5 <sup>(3)</sup>                 | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. EACH PHANTOM STOCK UNIT, WHEN REDEEMED, WILL HAVE THE VALUE OF ONE SHARE OF THE COMPANY'S COMMON STOCK ON THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH PAYMENT IS MADE.
- 2. THE PHANTOM STOCK UNITS WERE ACCRUED UNDER THE MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. NON-FUNDED DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND UNIT AWARD PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR'S AND ARE TO BE SETTLED IN CASH UPON THE REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.
- 3. THE REPORTING PERSON ALSO DIRECTLY OWNS EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS (I) TO PURCHASE 150 SHARES OF MTX COMMON STOCK AT \$39.53 PER SHARE WHICH BECAME EXERCISABLE IN THREE EOUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 28, 2000 AND EXPIRING ON JANUARY 28, 2009 AND (II) TO PURCHASE 159 SHARES OF MTX COMMON STOCK AT \$46.625 PER SHARE WHICH BECAME EXERCISABLE IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 24, 2003 AND EXPIRING ON JANUARY 24,

## Remarks:

VICTORIA LUKAUSKAS FOR PAUL M. MEISTER

01/05/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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