FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* **CURCIO JOHN B**	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC** [**MTX**]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) **MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.** **405 LEXINGTON AVENUE**	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2004	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
(Street) **NEW YORK NY 10174** (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS	$0[1]	12/16/2004	12/16/2004	A		4.659		[2]	[2]	COMMON STOCK	4.659	$66.43	5,593.789[3]	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 REPRESENT DIVIDENDS 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 TO PURCHASE 190 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, 2012.

Remarks:

VICTORIA LUKAUSKAS FOR JOHN CURCIO   12/17/2004

** 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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