FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* CHOLMONDELEY PAULA H 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2005					3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC [MTX]							
(Last) MINERALS 7	(First)	(Middle)				ationship of Reporting Perso (all applicable) Director	erson(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
405 LEXING				Officer (give title below)	Other (s below)	pecify	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10174							X		y One Reporting Person y More than One erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						ially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
COMMON STOCK						0	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable ar Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur		ity (Instr. 4) Conv		ercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
			Date Exercisable	Expiratior Date	Title	9	Amount or Number of Shares	Secur	ative	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

VICTORIA LUKAUSKAS FOR PAULA H. CHOLMONDELEY

01/28/2005

** 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Kirk G. Forrest, Linda A. Buggeln, Victoria Lukauskas and Laszlo Serester, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Minerals Technologies Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

All pre-existing Powers of Attorney granted to the parties named above are hereby revoked. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 26th day of January, 2005.

_____, as Power of Attorney Paula H. J. Cholmondeley