FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCHMALE NEAL E | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [MUR] | | | | | | | | | | k all appl | cable) | ng Person(s) to Is | | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 7000 | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2005 | | | | | | | | | | Office below | r (give title | | Other (below) | specify | |
| 200 PEACH STREET | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
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| Date | | | | 2. Trans Date (Month/ | | _ | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | <i>'</i> | 3. Transac Code (I 8) | | 4. Secui Dispose 5) | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | or and | 5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte | es ially Following | Forn (D) o | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or Prio | e | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111311.4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 02/01 | 1/2005 | ′2005 | | | | A | | 1,275 ⁽¹⁾ A | | 1 5 | \$0 | 1,5 | 1,565(1) | | D | | |
| | | ٦ | able II - | | | | | | | | | | , or Bei ble sec | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | 4. Transactio Code (Insti 8) | | | | 6. Date Exercis: Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | D S (I | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Dat | te ercisable | | piration ate | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | er | | | | | | |
| Stock Option ⁽²⁾ | \$76.36 | | | | | | | | 08 | 3/04/2005 | 08 | /04/2014 | Common Stock | 276 | | | 276 | | D | | |
| Stock Option ⁽²⁾ | \$76.36 | | | | | | | | 08 | 3/04/2006 | 08 | /04/2014 | Common Stock | 277 | | | 553 | | D | | |
| Stock Option ⁽²⁾ | \$76.36 | | | | | | | | 08 | 3/04/2007 | 08 | /04/2014 | Common | 277 | | | 830 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- $1.\ Restricted\ stock\ is sued\ pursuant\ to\ the\ Non-Employee\ Director\ Stock\ Plan\ approved\ on\ May\ 14,\ 2003.$
- 2. Non-Employee Director Stock Option granted under the Non-Employee Director Stock Plan approved May 14, 2003.

Neal E. Schmale by Walter K. Compton

02/03/2005

** 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 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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