

MCKINNELL HENRY A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MCKINNELL HENRY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MOODYS CORP /DE/ [MCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 99 CHURCH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2004 | | A | 3 (1) A \$ 83.09 | 9,130 | D | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Compensation) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 12/10/2004 | | A | 5.087 | 08/08/1988 ⁽⁴⁾ | 08/08/1988 ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock |
| Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Performance Shares) ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 12/10/2004 | | A | 0.7 | 08/08/1988 ⁽⁶⁾ | 08/08/1988 ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCKINNELL HENRY A 99 CHURCH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10007 | | X | | |

Signatures

John J. Goggins, by power of attorney for Henry A. McKinnell 12/14/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Restricted Stock deferred dividend reinvestment accrual
- (2) Phantom stock units arising out of the Reporting Person's election to defer receipt of retainer fees.
- (3) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) These units are to be settled in cash after the Reporting Person's retirement.
- (5) Phantom stock units arising out of the Reporting Person's election to defer receipt of earned performance shares.
- (6) These units are to be settled in stock after the Reporting Person's retirement.

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