WICHER GORDON

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WICHER GORDON			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KEY TECHNOLOGY INC [KTEC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (Mic	ldle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
C/O KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC., 150 AVERY STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2005	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) SR VP &GM Americas & Asia		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
WALLA WALLA, WA 99362			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially Form Owned Direction Following or Ir	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	wnership Indirect orm: Beneficial rect (D) Ownership Indirect (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/29/2005		M	3,300	A	\$ 8.94	184,696	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2005		S	3,300	D	\$ 13.0076	181,396	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2005		M	11,700	A	\$ 8.94	193,096	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S	11,700	D	\$ 13.0677	181,396	D	

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.94	07/29/2005		M	3,300	<u>(1)</u>	08/08/2005	Common Stock	3,300
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.94	08/01/2005		M	11,700	<u>(1)</u>	08/08/2005	Common Stock	11,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WICHER GORDON C/O KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC. 150 AVERY STREET WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

SR VP &GM Americas & Asia

Signatures

Gordon Wicher 08/01/2005

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) 25 percent of such option became exercisable on August 8, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

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