BARKAS ALEXANDER E

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BARKAS ALEXANDER E Issuer Symbol CONNETICS CORP [CNCT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3290 WEST BAYSHORE ROAD 12/31/2004 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PALO ALTO, CA 94303 Person

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D) | 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) |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 | 12/31/2004 | | M | 308 | A | \$ 27.29 | 393,141 | 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Derive Securi Acqui (A) or | ative ities red sed of 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amor or Numl of Share |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 24.29 | 12/31/2004 | | A | 308 (1) | | 12/31/2004 | 12/31/2014 | Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 | 30 |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| RARKAS ALEXANDER E | | | | | | | |

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Signatures

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Barkas

01/03/2005

**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) Represents the issuance of stock in lieu of cash for the annual retainer for the Board of Directors. Shares are granted under the Connetics Corporation 2000 Stock Plan and are 100% vested at the time of the grant.

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