

ROBINSON KENNETH A  
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 \*  
ROBINSON KENNETH A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4666 FARIES PARKWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

DECATUR,, IL 62626

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/23/2005                           |  | M                              | 1,953 A \$ 11.3379  | 140,084   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/23/2005                           |  | M                              | 3,047 A \$ 13.65  | 143,131   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/23/2005                           |  | S                              | 5,000 D \$ 25.5   | 138,131   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,191   | I  | By Immediate Family                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,673.2115  | I  | By Employee   |

Benefit Plan

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)

| 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 11.3379   | 12/23/2005                           |  | M                              | 1,953   | <u>(1)</u> 05/01/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 1,953                         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 13.65   | 12/23/2005                           |  | M                              | 3,047   | <u>(2)</u> 10/14/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 3,047                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| ROBINSON KENNETH A<br>4666 FARIES PARKWAY<br>DECATUR,, IL 62626 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-fact for Kenneth A. Robinson  
12/23/2005

\_\_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) The option was granted in three tranches (A, B and C). The option becomes exercisable in eight equal annual installments commencing on May 1, 2002; provided that the three tranches are exercisable sequentially commencing with Tranche A.
- (2) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on October 14, 2004.

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