

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HELMBRECHT STEVEN M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 2818 N. SULLIVAN ROAD (Street) SPOKANE WA 99216 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ITRON INC /WA/ [ITRI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X Sr. VP & CFO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2006	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.02	10,687	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.06	10,587	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		48 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.1	10,539	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		52 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.11	10,487	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.15	10,387	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		200 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.16	10,187	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.18	10,087	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		300 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.19	9,787	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.22	9,687	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.28	9,587	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.32	9,487	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		89 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.33	9,398	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		300 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.34	9,098	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		200 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.35	8,898	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.38	8,798	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		201 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.39	8,597	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.45	8,497	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S		10 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$67.49	8,487	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.4	05/03/2006		M			5,000	(2)	05/03/2015	Common Stock	\$0	10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 Plan.
- 2. 33-1/3% of options become exercisable on 5/3/2006 and an additional 33-1/3% on each of 5/3/07 and 5/3/08.

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Helmbrecht

** 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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