

TRI VALLEY CORP
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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 *
CARLSON MILTON J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2620 MISSION TRAIL WAY

(Street)

KALISPELL, MO 59901-2258

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/19/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	(D)	Price
Common stock					78,000	D	
Common stock	04/19/2006	04/19/2006	C		10,000	A	\$ 0.5
					88,000	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 0.5	04/19/2006	04/19/2006	C	10,000	12/06/1996	08/22/2008	Common stock	23,000
Option	\$ 0.55					12/06/1996	08/22/2008	Common stock	40,000
Option	\$ 2.43					09/16/2000	08/22/2008	Common stock	50,000
Option	\$ 1.22					11/10/2000	08/22/2008	Common stock	100,000
Option	\$ 1.35					10/22/2001	08/22/2008	Common stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARLSON MILTON J 2620 MISSION TRAIL WAY KALISPELL, MO 59901-2258			X	

Signatures

Milton J.
Carlson

01/20/2006

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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