BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

January 04, 2005

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

GOLKIN PERRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC

[BRW]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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C/O KKR, 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 12/31/2004

(Middle)

(Zip)

41ST FLOOR

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Last)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

NEW YORK, X1 10019

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Conversion

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(A) ed of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) ((D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	12/31/2004(2)		A	542.59	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	542.59	\$ 1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GOLKIN PERRY C/O KKR 9 WEST 57TH STREET,, 41ST FLOOR NEW YORK, X1 10019	X	X				

Signatures

Richard Kreider, by power of attorney for Repoting 01/04/2005 Person.

**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) Phantom Stock Units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The transaction date is the date on which the units, in accordance with the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan, were earned by the reporting person.
- These Phantom Stock Units become payable per the election of the reporting person or upon the reporting person's termination of service (3) as a director, subject to certain provisions and conditions as set forth in the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee Deferred Directors' Compensation and Stock Award Plan.

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