

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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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 *
MEEHAN JAMES N

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol
BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC
[BRW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
425 SOUTH BELMONT
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2006

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

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
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 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	05/15/2006		M		2,358	A	<u>11</u> 26,671

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 Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	05/15/2006		M		2,357.89		05/15/2006	05/15/2006	Common Stock	2,357.89
Phantom Stock Units	(1)							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	368.89 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MEEHAN JAMES N 425 SOUTH BELMONT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005	X

Signatures

/s/ Alexis S. Oster, by Power of Attorney for Reporting Person 05/16/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** 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. The reporting person settled his shares of phantom stock for whole shares of Common Stock.

These Phantom Stock Units become payable at the election of the reporting person (on March 31, 2008) or upon the reporting person's earlier termination of service as a director, subject to certain provisions and conditions set forth in the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan.

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