

GILMARTIN RAYMOND V
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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 *
 GILMARTIN RAYMOND V

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE MERCK DRIVE, P.O. BOX 100
 (Street)

WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ 08889-0100

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MERCK & CO INC [(MRK)]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/30/2005

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)
 COB, President, CEO

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of 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 of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)	03/30/2005	A	1,644.0814		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1,644.08	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILMARTIN RAYMOND V ONE MERCK DRIVE P.O. BOX 100 WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ 08889-0100	X		COB, President, CEO	

Signatures

Debra A. Bollwage as Attorney-in-Fact for Raymond V. Gilmartin
 03/31/2005
 **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) 1-for-1
- (2) The Merck Deferral Program includes the right of redesignation to other investment measures within the Program.
Distributions of phantom stock are made in shares of Merck Common Stock, with cash payable for partial shares, in accordance with a
- (3) distribution schedule elected by the reporting person. This distribution is subject to conditions and limitations of the Merck Deferral Program.
- (4) Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

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