LITHIA MOTORS INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BECKER THOMAS R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 360 E. JACKSON ST.		(Middle)	LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
		(I.IIddie)	(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
MEDFORD,	(Street) OR 97501		4. If Amendment, Date 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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne			

(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common	01/02/2006		M	1,500	A	\$ 14.31	15,200	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo (D)	rities ired rosed of 3, 4,	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
Stock Option (1998) (NDNQ) (right to buy)	\$ 14.31	01/02/2006		M		1,500	01/02/1998	01/02/2006	Class A Common	1,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42						09/11/2004	03/11/2010	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (2000) (NDNQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75						07/06/2000	01/06/2010	Class A Common	1,000
Stock Option (2001dir) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24						06/26/2002	12/26/2011	Class A Common	1,000
Stock Option (2002dr) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13						06/26/2003	12/26/2012	Class A Common	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.6						07/25/2005	01/25/2011	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (2001) (NDNQ) (right to	\$ 11.81						05/26/2001	12/26/2010	Class A Common	1,000

buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BECKER THOMAS R

360 E. JACKSON ST. X

MEDFORD, OR 97501

Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer,
Attorney-in-Fact for

**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).

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