

COMPTON HAROLD F  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
COMPTON HAROLD F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LINENS 'N THINGS, INC., 6  
BRIGHTON ROAD

(Street)

CLIFTON, NJ 07012

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LINENS N THINGS INC [LIN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/05/2005

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)

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2005		A	1,400	A	\$ 0	1,400	D (1)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share							7,045	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)

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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 23.76	05/05/2005		A	4,000	( <sup>(2)</sup> ) / ( <sup>(2)</sup> )	Common Stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COMPTON HAROLD F C/O LINENS 'N THINGS, INC. 6 BRIGHTON ROAD CLIFTON, NJ 07012	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Brian D. Silva,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/09/2005

<sup>(2)</sup>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) Restricted stock units granted May 5, 2005, of which 50% will vest on November 6, 2005 and 50% will vest on May 6, 2006.
- (2) Options are exercisable in one-third increments on May 5, 2006, May 5, 2007 and May 5, 2008. Options expire on May 5, 2012.

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