

COWLEY KEN
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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 *
COWLEY KEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWS AMERICA
INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE
OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWS CORP [NWS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/12/2004

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	
Class A Common Stock	11/12/2004		A	25,717	A	25,717	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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.58 ⁽²⁾	08/19/1997		A	40,000 ₍₃₎	⁽⁴⁾ 08/19/2007	Class A Common Stock	40,000 ₍₃₎
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.18 ₍₅₎	10/07/1997		A	3,000 ₍₃₎	⁽⁴⁾ 10/07/2007	Class A Common Stock	3,000 ₍₃₎
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.96 ₍₆₎	10/13/1998		A	6,000 ₍₃₎	⁽⁴⁾ 10/13/2008	Class A Common Stock	6,000 ₍₃₎
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.1 ⁽⁷⁾	11/03/1999		A	6,000 ₍₃₎	⁽⁴⁾ 11/03/2009	Class A Common Stock	6,000 ₍₃₎
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.66 ₍₈₎	10/18/2000		A	6,000 ₍₃₎	⁽⁴⁾ 10/18/2010	Class A Common Stock	6,000 ₍₃₎
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.54 ₍₉₎	10/11/2001		A	6,000 ₍₃₎	⁽⁴⁾ 10/11/2011	Class A Common Stock	6,000 ₍₃₎
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.46 ₍₁₀₎	10/09/2002		A	6,000 ₍₃₎	⁽⁴⁾ 10/09/2012	Class A Common Stock	6,000 ₍₃₎
Deferred Stock Units	⁽¹¹⁾	04/01/2004		A	2,462 ₍₁₂₎	⁽¹³⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	Class A Common Stock	2,462 ₍₁₂₎
Deferred Stock Units	⁽¹¹⁾	07/01/2004		A	606 ₍₁₂₎	⁽¹³⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	Class A Common Stock	606 ₍₁₂₎
	⁽¹¹⁾	10/01/2004		A	636 ₍₁₂₎	⁽¹³⁾ ⁽¹³⁾		636 ₍₁₂₎

Deferred
Stock
Units

Class A
Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COWLEY KEN C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

Signatures

/s/ Laura O' Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth E.
Cowley

11/12/2004

__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) Received in exchange for 51,434 shares of The News Corporation Limited ("TNCL") Preferred Limited Voting Ordinary Shares ("Preferred Shares") in connection with the reorganization of TNCL to the United States (the "Reorganization").
 - (2) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$7.06 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
 - (3) Received in exchange for options held over TNCL Preferred Shares in connection with the Reorganization. On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each outstanding option over TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and an option over Class A Common Stock for half the number of underlying TNCL Preferred Shares was issued in exchange therefore.
 - (4) The options provide for vesting as to 25% on each anniversary date after the date of the original grant date.
 - (5) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$8.81 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
 - (6) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$9.94 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
 - (7) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$13.60 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
 - (8) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$18.55 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
 - (9) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$11.22 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
 - (10) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$8.45 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
 - (11) Each deferred stock unit represents the equivalent one share of Class A Common Stock.
 - (12) Received in exchange for deferred stock units of TNCL Preferred Shares in connection with the Reorganization. On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each deferred stock unit of TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and deferred stock units of Class A Common Stock for half the number of deferred stock units of TNCL Preferred Shares were issued in exchange therefore.
 - (13) The deferred stock units become payable in cash upon the fifth anniversary of the grant date.

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(14) Represents the price of the deferred stock units after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.

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