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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 * LAND JAMES N JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP

(Check all applicable)

[RVHL]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

05/17/2010

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

C/O RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP., 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD

(Street)

(State)

S.

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(D)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

per share

(City)

Stock, par value \$.001

05/17/2010

 $D^{(1)}$

2,400

Code V Amount

\$0 D 11,200

Price

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	\$ 0.339	05/17/2010		A	6,000	(3)	05/17/2020	Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAND JAMES N JR C/O RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP. 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD S. LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

X

Signatures

/s/ Land, Jr., James N 05/18/2010

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Forfeiture of restricted stock by the Reporting Person.
- (2) Acquired pursuant to Issuer's 2005 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan For Non-Employee Directors.

First 20% of the options vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant, second 20% of the options vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant, third 20% of the options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, fourth 20% of the options vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining 20% of the options vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

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