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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 4

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

O Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	3.	I.R.S. Identification Reporting Person, if an entity	
Birck, Michael J		Illinois Tool Works Inc. (ITW)		-	
(Last) (First) (Middle)					
Illinois Tool Works Inc. 3600 West Lake Avenue	4.	Statement for Month/Day/Year	5.	If Amendment, Dat (Month/Day/Year)	e of Original
(Street)	=	March 20, 2003			
	6.	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)	7.	Individual or Joint/ (Check Applicable L	
Glenview, IL 60025	_	X Director O 10% Owner		x	Form Filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		Officer (give title below)		0	Form Filed by More
		Other (specify below)			than One Reporting Person

Reminder:	Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
*	If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, <i>see</i> instruction 4(b)(v).

Title of 2. Security (Instr. 3)	Transaction 2 Date (Month/Day/Year)	A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 4 Code (Instr. 8)	<b>J. Securities</b> Disposed (Instr. 3, 4)	of (D)	ed (A) or	5.Amount of Sec- urities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Trans- action(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	3/20/2003		A ***V	218	A	60.62	13,921	D	

	Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)						
Title of Deriv Security (Instr. 3)		Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction 3 Date (Month/Day/Year)	BA. Deemed Execution 4. Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction 5. Code (Instr. 8)		a) or Disposed of (D)
					Code V	(A)	<b>(D)</b>
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6. Date Exercisable and 'Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10.Ownership Form of 1 Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	1.Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Amount or Number of Title Shares				
			2,151	I	****
Explanation of Response	es:				
*** Deferred Stock Unde	r the ITW Non-Off	icer Director	s' Fee Conversion Plan		
Common Stock. The Unit	s are not transferal	ole and have i	tom Stock Plan for Non-Officer D no voting right. The number of Pha red. Additional units are credited in	intom Stock Units reporte	ed includes u
	Michael J. Bird Stewart S. Hu Senior Vice Pre General Couns	dnut sident,			

March 21, 2003

Date

Secretary Power of Attorney on File Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

the

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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