DIRECT GENERAL CORP

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ADAIR WILLIAM C JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	DIRECT GENERAL CORP [DRCT] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check all applicable)		
1281 MURF	1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD		(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Pres, Chairman & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)		

NASHVILLE, TNÂ 37217

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common	03/23/2004	Â	S	Amount 140,000	(A) or (D)	Price \$ 34.25	(Instr. 3 and 4) 530,920	I	By Spouse	
Stock Common Stock	07/21/2004	Â	G <u>(1)</u>	400,000	D	\$ 0	130,920	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock	07/21/2004	Â	$G^{(1)}$	400,000	A	\$ 0	530,920	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock	11/08/2004	Â	S	40,000	D	\$ 29.62	490,920	I	By Spouse	

Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	120	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	200	I	By Immediate Family

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. 6. Date Exerce Number Expiration Da of (Month/Day/ Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 21	Â	Â	Â	Â	08/11/2004(2)	08/11/2013	Common Stock	300,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ADAIR WILLIAM C JR 1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD	ÂΧ	Â	Pres, Chairman &	Â				
NASHVILLE, TN 37217			CEO					

Signatures

Buy)

By: Matthew P. McClure, Attorney-In-Fact 02/14/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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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- Transfer of shares to WA Investments, LP, a limited partnership of which the reporting person's spouse is a general partner and of which
- (1) the reporting person's spouse and, a grantor retained annuity trust are limited partners. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of DRCT common stock held by WA Investments, LP and owned by the reporting person's spouse.
- (2) The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning August 11, 2004.

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