

SEITEL INC
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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 *
VA PARTNERS LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SEITEL INC [SELA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/14/2005

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock par value \$.01 per share | 11/14/2005 | | P | 175,000 A \$ 1.57 | 29,501,363 | I | See Footnote (1) (2) |
| Common Stock par value \$.01 per share | 11/15/2005 | | P | 150,000 A \$ 1.59 | 29,651,363 | I | See Footnote (1) (2) |
| Common Stock par value \$.01 per share | 11/15/2005 | | P | 50,000 A \$ 1.6 | 29,701,363 | I | See Footnote (1) (2) |

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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VA PARTNERS LLC 435 PACIFIC AVENUE FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133 | | X | | |
| UBBEN JEFFREY W 435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133 | | X | | |
| KAMIN PETER H TWO INTERNATIONAL PLACE, 25TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110 | | X | | |

Signatures

VALUEACT CAPITAL MASTER FUND, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. Managing Member 11/16/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

VALUEACT CAPITAL PARTNERS CO-INVESTORS, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. Managing Member 11/16/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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| VA PARTNERS, L.L.C. By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. Managing Member | 11/16/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ubben | 11/16/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| By: /s/ Peter H. Kamin | 11/16/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. | 11/16/2005 |
| __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) As General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P., and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.
- The reported stock is owned directly by ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P., and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P. and indirectly by VA Partners, LLC as general partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.
- (2) Jeffrey W. Ubben, Peter H. Kamin and George F. Hamel are Managing Members of VA Partners, LLC, the General Partner. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported stock except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

Joint Filer Information

Name: ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P.
Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133
Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.
Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)
Date of Event Requiring Statement: November 14, 2005

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