

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**GOLKIN PERRY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC [BRW]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O KKR, 9 WEST 57TH STREET - 41ST FLOOR**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/19/2004**

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

**NEW YORK, NY 10019**

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

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

**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 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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|----------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |              |                            |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                     |  |                      | Code V          | (A)   | (D)              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1)                                      | 11/19/2004(2)        | A               | 576.04  |                  | (3)              | (3)             | Common Stock | 576.04 \$ 1                |

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GOLKIN PERRY<br>C/O KKR<br>9 WEST 57TH STREET - 41ST FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10019 | X             | X         |         |       |

### Signatures

Richard Kreider, by power of attorney for the Reporting Person 11/22/2004

\_\_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) Phantom Stock Units convert to common shares on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The transaction date is the date on which the units, in accordance with the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Directors' Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan, were credited to the reporting person's account within such Plan.
- (3) These units of Phantom Stock become payable per the election of the reporting person or upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director, subject to certain provisions and conditions as set forth in the Bristol West Holdings, Inc. Directors' Deferred Compensation and Stock Award Plan.

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