

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MAICH PETER</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.</u> <u>770 COCHITUATE ROAD</u> (Street) <u>FRAMINGHAM MA</u> <u>01701</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TJX COMPANIES INC /DE/ [TJX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior EVP -- Group President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/19/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 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	05/19/2004		M		88,400	A	\$10.375	144,650	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2004		S		11,500	D	\$24.45	133,150	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2004		S		13,600	D	\$24.44	119,550	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2004		S		23,100	D	\$24.41	96,450	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2004		S		9,000	D	\$24.4	87,450	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2004		S		9,800	D	\$24.39	77,650	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2004		S		21,400	D	\$24.38	56,250	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2004		M		11,600	A	\$10.375	67,850	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2004		S		11,600	D	\$24.25	56,250	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option ⁽¹⁾	\$10.375	05/19/2004		M			88,400	09/05/2001	09/05/2010	Common Stock	140,000	\$10.375	51,600	D	
Option ⁽¹⁾	\$10.375	05/20/2004		M			11,600	09/05/2001	09/05/2010	Common Stock	51,600	\$10.375	40,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Right to buy. Includes right to have shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon exercise.

Remarks:

Mary B. Reynolds, by Power of Attorney dated January 28, 2002 05/21/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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, 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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