FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/16/2003 		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Iss (Check all applicable)		- 1	i. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)	(State)	(Zip)			X Director Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock					0	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit	y (Instr. 4) Conve		ise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivativ Security	ve or Indirect			

Explanation of Responses:

James M. Micali

07/18/2003

** 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 5 (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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