

SERVICEMASTER CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KAPUT JIM L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600  
(Street)

DOWNERS  
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP & General Counsel

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 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 \$.01 par value    | 03/14/2006                           |  | S                              | 15,096 D \$ 12.67   | 64,111  | D  |   |
| Common stock \$.01 par value    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,770  | I  | through 401(k) plan                                   |
| Common stock \$.01 par value    |                                      |  |                                |   | 400   | I  | Cust. for children                                    |
| Common                          |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,300 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | Deferred  |

stock \$.01  
par value

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable      Expiration Date                    | Title      Amount or Number of Shares                         |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 8.75  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/08/2001      08/07/2007                               | Common Stock      10,000                                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 10.52   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/16/2002      03/15/2008                               | Common Stock      15,000                                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 11.4125   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/01/2001      03/31/2010                               | Common Stock      50,000                                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 13.83   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/08/2003      02/07/2009                               | Common Stock      85,000                                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 13.87   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2000      05/03/2006                               | Common Stock      541   |
| 2000 Emplée Stock Option                   | \$ 9.88  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/18/2004      03/17/2013                               | Common Stock      66,667                                      |

(Right to Buy)

|  |          |            |            |                 |        |
|--|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| 2003 EIP<br>Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right | \$ 10.73 | 02/13/2005 | 02/12/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000 |
| 2003 EIP<br>Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right | \$ 12.45 | 02/14/2007 | 02/13/2016 | Common<br>Stock | 55,000 |
| 2003 EIP<br>Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right | \$ 13.44 | 02/11/2006 | 02/10/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| KAPUT JIM L<br>3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600<br>DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700 |               |           | Sr. VP &<br>General<br>Counsel |       |

## Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney  
03/14/2006

\_\_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) Includes 92 shares acquired through the dividend reinvestment feature of the ServiceMaster Deferred Compensation Plan during the months of July through December 2005.

(2) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

(3) In 1999, ServiceMaster entered into a joint venture with Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers to develop an Internet company, We Serve Homes.com ("WSH"). A WSH option was granted in 2000. On January 11, 2002, the WSH option was converted into a ServiceMaster option at a ratio of 55.48 to 1, pursuant to a merger with a subsidiary of ServiceMaster in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-7.

(4) The stock appreciation right is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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