#### ABERNATHY JOHN D

Form 4

January 17, 2007

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ABERNATHY JOHN D			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC [STRL]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
1840 TURNBULL LAKES DR			01/16/2007	below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		· ID· I 6 D C· II O		

(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)			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common stock	01/16/2007		M	10,000	A	\$ 0.875	20,203	D			
Common stock	01/16/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.48	20,103	D			
Common stock	01/16/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.5	20,003	D			
Common stock	01/16/2007		S(1)	200	D	\$ 18.51	19,803	D			
Common stock	01/16/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.52	19,703	D			

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Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.53	19,603	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S(1)	200	D	\$ 18.55	19,403	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.56	19,303	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 18.57	19,103	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.58	19,003	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.59	18,903	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 18.6	18,603	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.62	18,503	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	103	D	\$ 18.63	18,400	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	97	D	\$ 18.64	18,303	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 18.65	17,903	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.66	17,803	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.69	17,703	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 18.7	17,503	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.72	17,403	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.73	17,303	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.74	17,203	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 18.75	17,003	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.76	16,903	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.79	16,803	D
	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 18.8	16,503	D

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Common stock							
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 18.81	16,403	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 18.82	16,203	D
Common stock	01/16/2007	S(1)	100	D	\$ 18.83	16,103	D

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of iorDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) quired (A) Disposed of Str. 3, 4,		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 Option (right to	\$ 0.875	01/16/2007		M		10,000	01/13/1998	01/13/2008	Common stock	10,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of their rame, radices	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ABERNATHY JOHN D 1840 TURNBULL LAKES DR NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168	X						
Signatures							

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John D. 01/17/2007 Abernathy

\*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

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## **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) These shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on June 5, 2006

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