

SCHMIDT RICHARD E
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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 *
SCHMIDT RICHARD E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWPORT CORP [NEWP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1791 DEERE AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2006

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

IRVINE, CA 92606
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/28/2006 | | M | V 12,000 A \$ 2.9583 | 19,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/28/2006 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 12,000 D \$ 0 | 7,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/28/2006 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 12,000 A \$ 0 | 77,639 | I | Held in family trust ⁽²⁾ |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$ 2.9583 | 12/28/2006 | | M | 12,000 | 12/31/1997 12/31/2006 | Common Stock | 12,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHMIDT RICHARD E 1791 DEERE AVENUE IRVINE, CA 92606 | | X | | |

Signatures

Jeffrey B. Coyne, Sr. VP & General Counsel, as attorney-in-fact for reporting person 12/29/2006

__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) Reporting person transferred 12,000 shares, which were acquired on December 28, 2006 upon exercise of a stock option, to reporting person and his spouse as trustees of a family trust.
- (2) Shares are held by reporting person and his spouse as trustees of a family trust.

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