#### TRI VALLEY CORP Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A BLYSTONI	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (M	(Month/L	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2005			(Check all applicable)  _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  President & CEO				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(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)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or	))	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)	
common stock							440,003	D		
common stock	05/24/2005	05/24/2005	G	1,000 (1)	D	\$0	439,003	D		
common stock	05/31/2005	05/31/2005	G	3,000 (2)	D	\$0	436,003	D		

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. Transactic 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
option	\$ 2					08/01/1997	08/22/2008	common stock	100,000
option	\$ 0.5	05/05/2005	05/05/2005	C	2,000 (3)	06/19/1999	08/22/2008	common stock	205,600
option	\$ 0.5	05/18/2005	05/18/2005	C	250 (4)	06/19/1999	08/22/2008	common stock	203,600
option	\$ 2.43					09/16/2000	08/22/2008	common stock	50,000
option	\$ 1.22					11/10/2000	08/22/2008	common stock	200,000
option	\$ 1.35					10/22/2001	08/22/2008	common stock	300,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BLYSTONE F LYNN							
	X		President & CEO				

### **Signatures**

F. Lynn
Blystone

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

O8/11/2005

### **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).

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- (1) Mr. Blystone donated 1,000 shares of common stock to a charitable organization.
- (2) Mr. Blystone donated 3,000 common stock shares to a charitable organization.
- (3) The shares resulting from this exercise of stock options were given away as gifts. Mr. Blystone did not receive any shares from this transaction.
- (4) The shares resulting from this exercise of stock options were given away as a gift. Mr. Blystone did not receive any shares from this transaction.

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