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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

MATTHEWS NORMAN S

1801 MARKET STREET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SUNOCO INC [SUN]

(Middle)

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

12/17/2004

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-1699

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

(Instr. 8)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities

Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and

5)

Expiration Code V (A) Title (D) Date Amount Exercisable Date Number

Shares

Phantom

Common Stock $\$ 0 \frac{(1)}{1}$ 12/17/2004 $A^{(2)}$ 218.767 08/08/1988 08/08/1988 218.76 Stock

Units

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MATTHEWS NORMAN S 1801 MARKET STREET X PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-1699

Signatures

/s/ John J. DiRocco, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for

12/17/2004

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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)** The conversion rate is 1 for 1.
- Crediting of share units representing voluntary deferred compensation pursuant to the Sunoco, Inc. Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).

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