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DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP INC/DE Form 4 February 21, 2007 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SMITH ROBERT M JR Issuer Symbol DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP (Check all applicable) INC/DE [DFG] 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O DELPHI CAPITAL 02/16/2007 Executive Vice President MANAGEMENT, INC., 590 MADISON AVENUE, 30TH **FLOOR** (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10022 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (\mathbf{I}) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (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. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 orDerivative 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
Options to purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 40.83	02/16/2007		А	10,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2017	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Restricted Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	02/16/2007		А	13,470	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	13,470

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SMITH ROBERT M JR C/O DELPHI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	Х		Executive Vice President		
Signatures					
Chad W. Coulter, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert M. Smith, Jr.		02/21/2007			
**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).
 Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments, beginning on February 7, 2008.
 Not applicable.
 1-for-1.
 Under the terms of the restricted share units, the reporting person has the right to receive the underlying shares of Class A Common Stock six months following his termination of employment, subject to the completion of a vesting period consisting of three equal annual installments beginning on February 7, 2008. Such right may be accelerated if the reporting person's employment is terminated by reason of death, disability or his resignation for good reason or termination by the issuer without cause, or if a change of ownership with respect to the issuer occurs; however, if such employment is terminated by the issuer for
 - cause or, except as to any shares as to which the aforementioned vested period has elapsed, by the reporting person without good reason, the right to receive such shares will be forfeited.

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