

Knecht Edward F
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Knecht Edward F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP
[FIZZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
8100 SW 10TH ST, SUITE 4000
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/30/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP - Procurement

PLANTATION, FL 33324

(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 | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 120 | A | \$ 0.01 |
| COMMON STOCK | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 120 | A | \$ 0.01 |
| COMMON STOCK | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 240 | A | \$ 0.01 |
| COMMON STOCK | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 1,320 | A | \$ 0.01 |

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 (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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------|-----|------------------|--|------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | | |
| KEEP STOCK OPTION (1) | \$ 0.01 | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 120 | | | 01/04/2008 | 01/03/2012 | COMMON STOCK | 120 |
| KEEP STOCK OPTION (1) | \$ 0.01 | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 120 | | | 01/25/2008 | 01/24/2012 | COMMON STOCK | 120 |
| KEEP STOCK OPTION (1) | \$ 0.01 | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 240 | | | 03/11/2008 | 03/10/2012 | COMMON STOCK | 240 |
| KEEP STOCK OPTION (1) | \$ 0.01 | 03/30/2009 | | X | | 1,320 | | | 10/31/2008 | 10/30/2012 | COMMON STOCK | 1,320 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Knecht Edward F 8100 SW 10TH ST SUITE 4000 PLANTATION, FL 33324 | | | Executive VP - Procurement | |

Signatures

/s/ Edward F.
Knecht

03/31/2009

__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).

Under the Company's Key Employee Equity Partnership Program ("KEEP"), participants receive a grant of KEEP options equal to 50% of the number of shares of National Beverage Corp. common stock purchased in the open market, up to a maximum of 6,000 shares in (1) any two year period. KEEP options are granted at an initial exercise price of sixty percent of the purchase price of the shares acquired, and reduce to the par value of the Company's common stock at the end of the six year vesting period. Reference is made to Exhibit 10.14 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended May 3, 2008.

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