

THERMO ELECTRON CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 ULLIAN ELAINE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 THERMO ELECTRON CORP
 [TMO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 81 WYMAN STREET, P.O. BOX
 9046

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/02/2005

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

(Street)
 WALTHAM, MA 024549046

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Pr
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu (Inst			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	04/02/2005	A		784.04		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	784.04

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ULLIAN ELAINE 81 WYMAN STREET P.O. BOX 9046 WALTHAM, MA 024549046		X		

Signatures

By: Barbara J. Lucas, Attorney-in-Fact for Elaine S. Ullian 04/05/2005

__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) Convertible into Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

Represents stock units credited to the Reporting Person's account as of April 2, 2005, at a price of \$25.19 per unit pursuant to the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors (the 'Plan'). Director's fees and retainers are deferred quarterly under the Plan as Common Stock units based on (a) the average closing price of the stock for the 5 days prior to the end of the quarter with respect to fees and

(2) retainers deferred on or prior to December 31, 2004, and (b) the average of the opening and closing price of the stock as of the quarter end with respect to fees and retainers deferred after December 31, 2004. The shares are distributable as stock upon cessation of director service (for any reason), a change of control or, with respect to stock units credited for fees and retainers deferred on or prior to December 31, 2004 only, retirement from principal occupation.

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