### GUTFLEISH RONALD E Form 3 October 15, 2004 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB approval

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> GUTFLEISH RONALD E	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	<sup>g</sup> 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BLOCKBUSTER INC [BBI]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	09/22/2004	4. Relationship Person(s) to Is	p of Reporting suer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
C/O ELM RIDGE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, 747 3RD AVENUE, 33RD FLOOR		(Check	all applicable)			
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10017		Director X10% Owr Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)		<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group</li> <li>Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting</li> <li>Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One</li> </ul>		
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivati	ive Securitie	Reporting Person s Beneficially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		Ownership	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Class A Common Stock	3,805,600	)	Ι	Footnote $(1)$		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.       SEC 1473 (7-02)         Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.       SEC 1473 (7-02)						
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)						

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
GUTFLEISH RONALD E C/O ELM RIDGE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 747 3RD AVENUE, 33RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
Signatures						
By: /s/ Ronald E. Gutfleish	10/15/2004					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date					

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- The Reporting Person is the managing member of two limited liability companies, which each manage one or more private investment (1) funds that hold the Issuer's shares.

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