

# **DOLLAR GENERAL CORP**

Reported by  
**HARTSHORN TOM J**

## **FORM 4**

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN, 37072
Telephone	6158554000
CIK	0000029534
Symbol	DG
SIC Code	5331 - Retail-Variety Stores
Industry	Discount Stores
Sector	Consumer Cyclical
Fiscal Year	02/02

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
<b>HARTSHORN TOM J</b>			<b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [ DG ]</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Executive VP</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>100 MISSION RIDGE</b>			<b>1/13/2004</b>					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<b>GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072</b>								
(City)			(State)			(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	1/13/2004		M		3768	A	\$3.99	160834	D	
Common Stock	1/13/2004		S		3768	D	\$21.42	157066	D	
Common Stock								4027	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock								2245	I	As Custodian for Child
Common Stock								24139	I	By Spouse

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.99	1/13/2004		M		3768		3/21/1997	3/21/2004	Common Stock	3768	\$0	0	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>HARTSHORN TOM J 100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072</b>			<b>Executive VP</b>	

### Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan, By Power of Attorney

1/14/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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