

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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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

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person -* HARTSHORN TOM J (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 MISSION RIDGE (Street) GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) Executive VP
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 2/14/2005		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		

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			

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				
Phantom Stock	(1)	2/14/2005		A	V	1183.918	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1183.918	\$22.0534	7637.484 (3)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The shares of phantom stock are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock (and cash in lieu of fractional shares) after the reporting person's termination of employment.
- (3) 13.409 shares, 13.444 shares and 19.358 shares of phantom stock were acquired by the reporting person on April 23, 2004, July 29, 2004 and October 25, 2004, respectively, pursuant to automatic dividend reinvestments that were exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

2/16/2005

**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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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