

# DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| 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

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

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b><br><br><b>CLAYTON JAMES L</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br><b>100 MISSION RIDGE</b><br><br>(Street)<br><br><b>GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><br><b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [ DG ]</b> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner<br>_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)     |
| <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b><br><br><p align="center"><b>3/12/2004</b></p>  |   | <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>   |   |   |

### 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) |  |
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|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V | (A)  | (D)        | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Restricted Stock Units</b>            | <u>(1)</u>   | 3/12/2004      |                                   | A                         |   | 4600   | <u>(2)</u> | 3/12/2005                               | <u>(3)</u>      | Common Stock  | 4600                       | <u>(2)</u>                                 | \$0  | 4600   | D  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) The restricted stock units convert to shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Represents the number of restricted stock units allocated to the reporting person's account on March 12, 2004 pursuant to the terms of the Dollar General Corporation 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended and restated effective June 2, 2003, and as further modified through August 26, 2003).
- (3) Although the restricted stock units generally vest on March 12, 2005, no payout can be made (in either shares of common stock or in cash) until the reporting person ceases service as a director of the Issuer.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>CLAYTON JAMES L<br/>100 MISSION RIDGE<br/>GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072</b> | <b>X</b>      |           |         |       |

**Signatures**

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

3/15/2004

\*\* 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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