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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ESSEX CORP [KEYW] A Funk Frederick L (Month/Day/Year) 04/24/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6708 ALEXANDER BELL (Check all applicable) **DRIVE** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Vice President Person COLUMBIA, Â MDÂ 21046 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 760 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. 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.

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 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security: Title Direct (D) Security

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Option	01/05/2005	01/04/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 9.44	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option	(1)	07/25/2011	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 9	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option	12/30/2005	12/29/2012	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 16.94	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	12/30/2005	12/29/2010	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 16.94	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Funk Frederick L 6708 ALEXANDER BELL DRIVE COLUMBIA Â MDÂ 21046	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

Frederick L.
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**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).
- (1) 2,500 shares exercisable on 7/26/2004; 2,500 shares exercisable on 7/26/2005

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