

FRIEDMANS INC

Form 4

March 16, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
**HARBERT DISTRESSED
INVESTMENT MASTER FUND
LTD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND
SERVICES, THIRD FL BISHOP
SQUARE REDMONDS HILL**

(Street)

DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FRIEDMANS INC [FRDM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____X____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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)
Common Stock	03/14/2005		P	14,625	A \$ 1.69	2,195,600 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	03/14/2005		P	0	A \$ 0	2,195,600 ⁽²⁾	I
Common Stock	03/14/2005		P	375	A \$ 1.69	55,300 ⁽³⁾	I

By Harbert
Distressed
Investment
Master
Fund, Ltd.

By Alpha
US Sub
Fund VI,

LLC

Common Stock	03/14/2005	P	142,050	A	\$ 1.66	2,337,650 ⁽¹⁾	D
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Common Stock	03/14/2005	P	0	A	\$ 0	2,337,650 ⁽²⁾	I
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By Harbert
Distressed
Investment
Master
Fund, Ltd.

Common Stock	03/14/2005	P	3,650	A	\$ 1.66	58,950 ⁽³⁾	I
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By Alpha
US Sub
Fund VI,
LLC

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Warrant	\$ 1.75	03/14/2005		P		2,925,000		09/07/2004	09/06/2009	Common Stock	2,925,000
Warrant	\$ 1.75	03/14/2005		P		0		09/07/2004	09/06/2009	Common Stock	0
Warrant	\$ 1.75	03/14/2005		P		75,000		09/07/2004	09/06/2009	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

HARBERT DISTRESSED INVESTMENT MASTER FUND LTD C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES THIRD FL BISHOP SQUARE REDMONDS HILL DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000	X
HMC DISTRESSED INVESTMENT OFFSHORE MANAGER LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X
HMC INVESTORS LLC ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	X
FALCONE PHILIP 555 MADISON AVE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X
HARBERT RAYMOND J ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	X
LUCE MICHAEL D ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	X

Signatures

Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd. HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, LLC By: HMC Investors, LLC, Managing Member By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick	03/16/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, LLC By: HMC Investors, LLC, Managing Member By: /s/ Joel Piassick	03/16/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
HMC Investors, LLC By: /s/ Joel Piassick	03/14/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Philip Falcone	03/16/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Raymond J. Harbert	03/16/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Michael D. Luce	03/16/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These securities are owned by Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., which is a Reporting Person.
- (2) These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C. ("HMC Management"), the investment manager of Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., HMC Investors, L.L.C., its managing

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member ("HMC Investors"), Philip Falcone, a member of HMC Management and the portfolio manager of Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., Raymond J. Harbert, a member of HMC Investors, and Michael D. Luce, a member of HMC Investors. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by HMC Investors, Philip Falcone, who is the portfolio manager of Alpha US Sub Fund VI, LLC, Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the

- (3) reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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