

TETRA TECHNOLOGIES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ABELL JOSEPH M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TETRA TECHNOLOGIES INC [TTI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**25025 INTERSTATE 45
 NORTH, SUITE 600**
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/13/2005

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or Price (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | M | | 10,017 A \$ 11.1111 | 40,543 (1) | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | M | | 11,251 A \$ 8.68 | 51,794 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | S | | 1,200 D \$ 29.62 | 50,594 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | S | | 600 D \$ 29.63 | 49,994 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | S | | 1,200 D \$ 29.65 | 48,794 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 29.66 | 48,594 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 29.67 | 46,594 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 29.68 | 44,994 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 700 | D | \$ 29.69 | 44,294 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 29.7 | 43,894 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 29.71 | 42,794 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 900 | D | \$ 29.75 | 41,894 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 29.76 | 40,294 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 600 | D | \$ 29.78 | 39,694 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 600 | D | \$ 29.79 | 39,094 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 29.8 | 37,794 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 700 | D | \$ 29.81 | 37,094 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 29.82 | 35,094 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 29.83 | 33,794 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 29.85 | 33,494 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 29.86 | 32,394 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 29.87 | 30,794 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | S | 268 | D | \$ 29.9 | 30,526 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | F | 4,609 | D | \$ 29.855 | 25,917 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | M | 2,219 | A | \$ 9.3377 | 28,136 | D |
| | 09/13/2005 | M | 5,484 | A | | 33,620 | D |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ | 11.1111 | | |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | M | 6,449 | A | \$ 8.68 | 40,069 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 5,538 | I |
| | | | | | | | | by 401(k) Plan |

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.1111 | 09/13/2005 | | M | 10,017 | 03/09/2004 03/09/2007 | Common Stock | 10,017 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.1111 | 09/13/2005 | | M | 5,484 | 08/15/2005 08/15/2008 | Common Stock | 5,484 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.68 | 09/13/2005 | | M | 6,449 | 02/21/2004 02/21/2013 | Common Stock | 6,449 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.68 | 09/13/2005 | | M | 11,251 | 09/24/2004 09/24/2007 | Common Stock | 11,251 | |

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|--|-----------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.3377 | 09/13/2005 | M | 2,219 | 04/19/2002 | 04/19/2011 | Common Stock | 2,219 |
|--|-----------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ABELL JOSEPH M 25025 INTERSTATE 45 NORTH SUITE 600 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380 | | | Senior Vice President & CFO | |

Signatures

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|--|---------------------|
| Eileen M. Price, AIF for Joseph M. Abell | 09/14/2005 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) On August 19, 2005, the Common Stock of TETRA Technologies, Inc. split 3-for-2, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 10,175 additional shares of Common Stock.

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