

AIRGAS INC  
Form 4  
August 05, 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 *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
CRICHTON ALFRED B			AIRGAS INC [ARG]		(Check all applicable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director	
C/O AIRGAS, INC., 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100			08/03/2005		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	
					<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	
					<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
					Div. President - West	
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
RADNOR, PA 19087					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
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**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 Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/03/2005		M	20,000 A \$ 22	62,463	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S	7,000 D \$ 29.6	55,463	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	10,800 D \$ 29	44,663	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	600 D \$ 29.01	44,063	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	1,100 D \$ 29.04	42,963	D	

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Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	400	D	\$ 29.02	42,563	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	100	D	\$ 29.06	42,463	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2005	M	10,000	A	\$ 8.5	52,463	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 29.14	42,463	D	
Common Stock						12,439 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22	08/03/2005		M	20,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/24/2006	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.5	08/05/2005		M	10,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 03/04/2009	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRICHTON ALFRED B C/O AIRGAS, INC.			Div. President - West	

259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, STE. 100  
RADNOR, PA 19087

## Signatures

Dean A. Bertolino, Attorney-in-Fact for Alfred B.  
Crichton

08/05/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

The information presented is as of 7/14/2005, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc.

(1) common stock in his 401(k) plan. Since 3/31/2004, the date relied upon for the amount reported on the reporting person's May 13, 2004 Form 4, a total of 586 shares have been acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) by Rule 16b-3(c).

(2) Options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/24/1997, 5/24/1998, 5/24/1999 and 5/24/2000.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 3/4/2000, 3/4/2001, 3/4/20002 and 3/4/2003.

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