

Rovit Hugh R  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rovit Hugh R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ONEIDA LTD., 163-181  
KENWOOD AVENUE

(Street)

ONEIDA, NY 13421

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ONEIDA LTD [onei]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/05/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount  |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | Amount  |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (D)   | Price   |  |  |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                 |                           |                                      |                                   |                     |                                    |  |   |

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| (Instr. 3)                         | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)   |        | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|--------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                    |                              |                  | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code V |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Common Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 1.53                      | 12/22/2004       | A  | 1      | 10/25/2005       | 10/25/2014      | Common Stock | 3,000                      |
| Phantom Stock                      | <sup>(2)</sup>               | 04/05/2005       | A  | 10,000 | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Common Stock | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Rovit Hugh R<br>C/O ONEIDA LTD.<br>163-181 KENWOOD AVENUE<br>ONEIDA, NY 13421 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Hugh Rovit 05/03/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) Option issued pursuant to the Oneida Ltd. 2003 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) Each grant will vest at a rate of 20% on the date of grant, 30% on October 25, 2005 and October 25, 2006, respectively, and 20% on October 25, 2007.

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