

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
Form 4  
March 17, 2003

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Ault, John L.</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>101 Prospect Avenue, N.W.</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>Cleveland, OH 44115</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) |                                      |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>The Sherwin-Williams Company SHW</b> |   |   |  | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Director<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)<br><b>Vice President-Corporate Controller</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |   |  |                                   |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)   |                                      |  | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>03/14/2003</b>                                   |   |   | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |  |                                   |
| 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)  |                                      |  | <b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>  |   |   |  |  |   |  |                                   |
| 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 & 5) |  |  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|   |                                      |  | Code   | V | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price  |   |  |                                   |

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |             |                  |  | (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) |              | Date Exer-cisable | Expira-tion Date | Title               | Amount or Number of Shares |             |                                | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) |
|--|-------------|------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |             |                  |  | Code              | V            |                   |                  |                     |                            |             |                                |                            |
| <b>Phantom Stock Units<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>9.66</b> | <b>3/14/2003</b> |  | <b>A</b>          | <b>59.55</b> | <u>(1)</u>        | <u>(1)</u>       | <b>Common Stock</b> | <u>(1)</u>                 | <b>9.66</b> | <b>48,930.80<sup>(2)</sup></b> | <b>D</b>                   |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Acquisition of phantom stock units (in an exempt transaction) under deferred compensation plan(s) to be settled generally upon the Reporting Person's retirement or termination of employment, subject to diversification provisions of the plan(s). The plan(s) utilize unit accounting, with phantom stock units consisting primarily of phantom shares of common stock and a small percentage of short-term investments. On April 1, 1997, units were assigned a beginning per unit price of \$10.00.

(2) Includes phantom stock units acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment feature of the plan(s).

By: /s/ **Louis E. Stellato, Attorney-in-fact**

**3/17/2003**

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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