

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STEININGER DONALD B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 6914 WOODCROFT (Street) FORT WAYNE IN 46804 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2006	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							28,000	D		
Common Stock							1,400	I	By Spouse	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Phantom Stock	(1)							10/25/2005	10/25/2005	Common Stock	16	16	D		
Phantom Stock	(1)							04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	12	12	D		
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	464	464	D		
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	10	10	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	505	505	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	2	2	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	505	505	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	2	2	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	6	6	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	562	562	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	8	8	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	10	10	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	434	434	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	8	8	D		
Phantom Stock	(1)	05/01/2006		A		17		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	17	\$23.28	555	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$7.125							06/12/2006	06/12/2011	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$17.185							12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

** 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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