FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF	<b>CHANGES IN BEN</b>	<b>IEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STEININGER DONALD B</u>					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]  5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Iss (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Ow														
(Last)	(Fi	,	(Middle)		01/	/08/2	2007		nsaction (Mo					Office below	r (give title		Other (specify below)		
(Street) FORT WAYNE IN 46804							endmer	t, Date	e of Original F	iled (Mo	nth/Da		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(S	(Zip)											Perso	on					
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	d Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)	ection	5. No of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp	umber vative urities uired or osed or r. 3, 4	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	cisable a	nd	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlyind Derivative (Instr. 3 and 1985)	d f g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirat Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Phantom Stock	(1)								10/25/2005	10/25/2	2005	Common Stock	16		16		D		
Phantom Stock	(1)								04/26/2005	04/26/2	2015	Common Stock	12		12		D		
Phantom Stock	(1)								07/12/2005	07/12/2	2015	Common Stock	464		464		D		
Phantom Stock	(1)								07/26/2005	07/26/2	2015	Common Stock	10		10		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								10/26/2004	10/26/2	2014	Common Stock	10		10		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								04/28/2004	04/28/2	2014	Common Stock	6		6		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/26/2005	01/26/2	2015	Common Stock	8		8		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/16/2004	01/16/2	2014	Common Stock	505		505		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/11/2005	01/11/2	2015	Common Stock	434		434		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/26/2004	01/26/2	2014	Common Stock	2		2		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/14/2004	07/14/2	2014	Common Stock	562		562		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								10/27/2003	10/27/2	2013	Common Stock	2		2		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/26/2004	07/26/2	2014	Common Stock	8		8		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/10/2003	07/10/2	2013	Common Stock	505		505		D		
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/08/2007			A		496		(2)	(3)	T	Common Stock	496	\$25.06	1,511		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)	r, Transaction O Code (Instr. B) S A (/				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:**

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

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01/09/2007

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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