

AZTAR CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COLE JOE C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AZTAR CORPORATION, 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AZTAR CORP [AZR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/10/2004

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)

VP Corporate Communications

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Aztar Common Stock	11/10/2004		M		5,000 A \$ 5	21,639	D
Aztar Common Stock	11/10/2004		M		7,500 A \$ 7	29,139	D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 5	11/10/2004		M	5,000	12/09/1994 12/09/2006	Aztar Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 7	11/10/2004		M	7,500	05/22/2000 05/22/2007	Aztar Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLE JOE C AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400 PHOENIX, AZ 85016			VP Corporate Communications	

Signatures

/s/ Joe C. Cole 11/11/2004
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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