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| Form 4<br>May 26, 20                                      |   | LALIIV     | JUNF           |                                  |                           |                              |                      |  |  |   |  |
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| (Print or Type  | Responses)                              |            |                |                                  |                           |                              |                      |  |  |   |  |
| FRIEDMAN JEFFREY I S                                      |   |            | Symbol<br>ASSO | CIATED                           | nd Ticker o<br>DESTAT     |                              | c                    | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                                      |  |   |  |
|   |   | CORP       | [AEC]          |                                  |                           |                              |                      |  |  |   |  |
| (Mo   |   |            |                | of Earliest<br>Day/Year)<br>2010 | Transaction               | n                            |                      | X Director 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below)<br>Chairman, President & CEO         |  |   |  |
| RICHMON   | (Street)                                |            |                | nendment,<br>onth/Day/Y          | Date Origir<br>ear)       | nal                          |                      | 6. Individual or Jo<br>Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by C<br>Form filed by M                                  | int/Group Fili<br>Dne Reporting P  | ng(Check<br>erson   |  |
|   | , OH 44143-1467                         |            |                |                                  |                           |                              |                      | Person   |  |   |  |
| (City)  | (State)                                 | (Zip)      | Tal            | ble I - Nor                      | 1-Derivativ               | e Seci                       | urities Acq          | uired, Disposed of   | , or Beneficia   | lly Owned   |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                      | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |            | Date, if       | Code<br>(Instr. 8)               | iotor Dispo<br>(Instr. 3, | sed of<br>4 and<br>(A)<br>or | 5)                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Common<br>Shares,<br>without<br>par value                 | 05/24/2010                              |            |                | M                                | 4,371                     | (D)<br>A                     | Price<br>\$ 8.69     | 654,995  | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Shares,<br>without<br>par value                 | 05/24/2010                              |            |                | S                                | 4,371<br>(1)              | D                            | \$<br>13.3201<br>(2) | 650,624  | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Shares,<br>without                              |   |            |                |                                  |                           |                              |                      | 10,985   | Ι  | Family<br>Charitable<br>Trust                                     |  |

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| par value<br>Common<br>Shares,<br>without<br>par value | 212,502 | Ι | By wife |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| Common<br>Shares,<br>without<br>par value              | 9,638   | Ι | 401(k)  |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | ransaction of Derivative ode Securities |       | ve Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>f |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|-------|---|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A)                                     | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                         | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options                        | \$ 8.69   | 05/24/2010                              |   | М                                      |   | 4,371 | 02/28/2006                                  | 02/28/2011         | Common<br>Shares  | 4,371                                  |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |  |  |  |  |
| FRIEDMAN JEFFREY I<br>1 AEC PARKWAY<br>RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143-1467 | Х             |           | Chairman, President & CEO |       |  |  |  |  |
| Signatures   |               |           |                           |       |  |  |  |  |
| /s/Suzanne K. Hanselman, as  |               |           |                           |       |  |  |  |  |

05/26/2010

Attorney-in-Fact

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\*\*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) These shares were sold pursuant to cashless exercise of stock options.
- Price reported constitutes the average weighted price of shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$13.30 \$13.39.
   (2) The reporting person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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