

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC ET AL**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

, ONE CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

RYE, NY 10580

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC [TII]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/19/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/19/2005		P	1,000 A \$ 39.67	20,300	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)
Common Stock					1,000	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)
Common Stock					1,500	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)

Common  
Stock

3,000 I

By:  
Investment  
Partnership  
(1)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC ET AL ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580		X		
GABELLI MARIO J C/O GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580		X		
GABELLI GROUP CAPITAL PARTNERS INC 140 GREENWICH AVENUE GEEWNICH, CT 06830		X		

## Signatures

/s/ James E. McKee Attorney-in-Fact for MARIO J. GABELLI and GGCP, INC. and Secretary for GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

05/20/2005

\_\_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).

The Reporting Persons have less than a 100% interest in this security. The amount of securities reported as beneficially owned reflects the  
(1) total amount of securities held by this entity which is greater than the Reporting Persons indirect pecuniary interests. The Reporting Persons hereby disclaim beneficial ownership of these securities in excess of their pecuniary interests.

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