

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FLOOD DOUGLAS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC [MRCY]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/23/2006**

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

VP, Corporate Development

**4 CONSTITUTION DRIVE**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**SOUTHBOROUGH, MA 01772**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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			
Common Stock	01/23/2006		M	8,299 A \$ 8.625	11,961	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2006		M	551 A \$ 8.625	12,512	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	8,850 D \$ 20.43	3,662	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2006		M	980 A \$ 8.625	4,642	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	980 D \$ 20.53	3,662 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 8.625	01/23/2006		M	8,299	10/27/2003 10/27/2008	Common	8,299
Incentive Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 8.625	01/23/2006		M	551	05/01/2002 10/27/2008	Common	551
Incentive Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 8.625	01/24/2006		M	980	10/27/2004 10/27/2008	Common	980

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FLOOD DOUGLAS 4 CONSTITUTION DRIVE SOUTHBOROUGH, MA 01772			VP, Corporate Development	

## Signatures

Craig Barrows,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/25/2006

\_\_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) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Flood on February 16, 2004.
- (2) Includes 253 shares acquired under the Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. stock purchase plan in December 2005.
- (3) Field N/A to this transaction but was completed to allow for electronic filing only.

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