

LoBello Maureen Ellen
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 LoBello Maureen Ellen
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC., 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 3300

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Assistant-Secretary

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 10,787 | I | By Thrift Plan Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 1,200 | I | By Mother's Trust Account ⁽²⁾ |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 1,000 | I | By Mother's Trust Account ⁽²⁾ |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LoBello Maureen Ellen GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 3300 NEW YORK, NY 10017 | Â | Â | Â Assistant-Secretary | Â |

Signatures

/s/Maureen Ellen
LoBello

01/06/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (2) By trust account for Mother, Helen Reilly Trust Agreement,

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