

LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO
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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 *
WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS
SMALL CAP VALUE LP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO
[LAYN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
450 SEVENTH AVENUE, SUITE
509

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2007

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

NEW YORK, NY 10123

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 01/04/2007 | | S | | 7,765 | D | \$ 34.08 | 568,225 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 01/04/2007 | | S | | 11,000 | D | \$ 34.08 | 568,225 | I | See footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 | 01/04/2007 | | S | | 13,300 | D | \$ 34.08 | 568,225 | I | See footnote ⁽³⁾ |

per share

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 |
| WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE LP 450 SEVENTH AVENUE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | X | X | | |
| WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE LP I 450 SEVENTH AVENUE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | X | X | | |
| WYNNEFIELD SMALL CAP VALUE OFFSHORE FUND LTD 450 SEVENTH AVE STE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | X | X | | |
| WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC 450 SEVENTH AVE STE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | X | X | | |
| | X | X | | |

WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL INC
 450 SEVENTH AVENUE
 SUITE 509
 NEW YORK, NY 10123

Signatures

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| WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE, L.P., By: Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, General Partner; By: /s/Nelson Obus, Managing Member | 01/08/2007 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE, L.P. I; By: Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, General Partner; By: /s/Nelson Obus, Managing Member | 01/08/2007 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| WYNNEFIELD SMALL CAP VALUE OFFSHORE FUND, LTD., By: Wynnefield Capital, Inc.; By: /s/Nelson Obus, President | 01/08/2007 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, By: /s/Nelson Obus, Managing Member | 01/08/2007 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL, INC., By: /s/Nelson Obus, President | 01/08/2007 |
| __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) On the date hereof, Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P., (the "Reporting Person") directly beneficially owns 185,225 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Stock") of Layne Christensen Company (LAYN). Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, as the sole general partner of the Reporting Person, has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person directly beneficially owns.

On the date hereof, the Reporting Person has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in 183,000 shares of Common Stock, which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I, as members of a group under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I, which maintains offices at the same address as the Reporting Person, is filing this Form jointly with the Reporting Person. Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, as the sole general partner of Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I, has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value L.P. I directly beneficially owns.
 - (2) On the date hereof, the Reporting Person has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in 200,000 shares of Common Stock, which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd., as members of a group under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd., which maintains offices at the same address as the Reporting Person, is filing this Form jointly with the Reporting Person. Wynnefield Capital, Inc. as the sole investment manager of Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd., has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd. directly beneficially owns.

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