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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement SCHWAB CHARLES CORP [SCHW] Merk Randall W (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, Â 120 **KEARNY STREET** 10% Owner Director (Street) \_X\_\_ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) **EVP** - Financial Products \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person SAN Form filed by More than One FRANCISCO, Â CAÂ 94108 Reporting Person

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 13,202 D Common Stock 121,595 Ι by Trust

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

(Zip)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	09/25/2003	09/25/2012	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	09/25/2003	09/25/2012	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	12/15/2004	09/30/2011	Common Stock	87,592	\$ 9.19	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	09/07/2005	09/07/2012	Common Stock	150,000	\$ 15.2992	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	09/07/2005	09/07/2012	Common Stock	150,000	\$ 17.075	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Merk Randall W C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION 120 KEARNY STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94108	Â	Â	EVP - Financial Products	Â			

## **Signatures**

Randall W. 01/30/2006 Merk

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

# **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).

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