

SEITEL INC
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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
VA PARTNERS LLC		(Month/Day/Year)	SEITEL INC [SELA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR		10/04/2004	(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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, par value \$.01 per share	15,971,563	I	See Footnotes (1) (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)

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)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VA PARTNERS LLC 435 PACIFIC AVENUE FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133	^	^ X	^	^
UBBEN JEFFREY W 435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133	^	^ X	^	^
KAMIN PETER H TWO INTERNATIONAL PLACE, 25TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

VALUEACT CAPITAL MASTER FUND, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	10/08/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
VALUEACT CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	10/08/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
VALUEACT CAPITAL PARTNERS II, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	10/08/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
VALUEACT CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL, LTD., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS INVESTMENT MANAGER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	10/08/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
VA PARTNERS, L.L.C. By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	10/08/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ubben	10/08/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.	10/08/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Peter H. Kamin	10/08/2004
**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) As General Partner and Investment Manager of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P., ValueAct Capital Partners, L.P., ValueAct Capital Partners II, L.P., and ValueAct Capital International, Ltd.
These securities are also beneficially owned by Jeffrey W. Ubben, George F. Hamel, Jr., and Peter H. Kamin as Managing Members,
- (2) Principal Owners and Controlling Persons of VA Partners, LLC. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

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Remarks:

Joint Filer Information

Name: ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P.
Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133
Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.
Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)
Date of Event Requiring Statement: October 4, 2004

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