

DIXIE GROUP 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 \*  
DEMPSEY KENNETH L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
716 BILL MYLES DR  
(Street)

SARALAND, AL 36571

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DIXIE GROUP INC [DXYN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP and Pres. of Masland

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Stock, \$3 par value     | 03/14/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 14,521  | A  | \$ 6.96                                    |
| Common Stock, \$3 par value     | 03/14/2005                           |  | F                              |   | 5,353   | D  | \$ 18.88                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 33,211  | (1)  | D  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 27,858  | (1)  | D  |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 6.96  | 03/14/2005                           |  | M                              | 14,521  | <u>(2)</u> 05/02/2012                                    | Common Stock, \$3 par value 14,521                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| DEMPSEY KENNETH L<br>716 BILL MYLES DR<br>SARALAND, AL 36571 |               |           | VP and Pres. of Masland |       |

## Signatures

John F. Henry, Jr., by power of attorney for Kenneth L. Dempsey  
 03/16/2005  
 \*\*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) Includes 3,867 shares allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's 401(k) plan.
  - (2) The option vested in one installment of 14,367 shares on November 2, 2002, and one installment of 14,071 shares on January 1, 2003.
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