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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Mroczka Frank C

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/24/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ZALE CORP [ZLC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O ZALE

CORPORATION, 901 WEST

WALNUT HILL LANE

(Street)

10% Owner Director

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) President Gordon's Jewelers

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

IRVING, TXÂ 75038-1033

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

Common Stock (1)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

401K

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Direct (D)

11,502

Common Stock 198

D

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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 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

Conversion

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership or Exercise Ownership Form of

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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)
Stock Options (Right to buy) (2)	07/17/2003	07/17/2012	Common Stock	11,250	\$ 14.15	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy) (3)	07/12/2002	07/12/2011	Common Stock	4,498	\$ 15.88	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy) (4)	07/12/2001	07/12/2010	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 21.52	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy) (5)	07/22/2004	07/22/2013	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 23.23	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy) (6)	07/21/2005	07/21/2014	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 27.44	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy) (7)	09/06/2006	09/06/2015	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 27.52	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Mroczka Frank C C/O ZALE CORPORATION 901 WEST WALNUT HILL LANE IRVING, TX 75038-1033	Â	Â	President Gordon's Jewelers	Â		

Signatures

Frank Craig
Mroczka

**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).

Includes 2,000 restricted stock shares granted under the Zale Corporation 2003 Stock Incentive Plan that vest 100% on 7/21/2007. Also includes 5,000 time-vesting restricted stock units granted under the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan that vest 100% on 9/6/2008. This does not

- (1) include 5,000 performance based restricted units granted to Mr. Mroczka on 11/11/2005 that entitle him to receive a specified number of shares of the company's common stock based on the achievement of performance targets established by the Company's Compensation Committee for fiscal years 2006 through 2008.
- (2) Represents a 15,000 share grant approved under the Zale Corporation Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan that began vesting in four equal annual installments on 7/17/03.
- (3) Represents an 18,000 share grant approved under the Zale Corporation Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan that began vesting in four equal annual installments on 7/12/02.

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Represents a 20,000 share grant approved under the Zale Corporation Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan that began vesting in four equal annual installments on 7/12/01.

- (5) Represents a 40,000 share grant approved under the Zale Corporation Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan that began vesting in four equal annual installments on 7/22/2004.
- (6) Reprsents a 15,000 share grant under the Zale Corporation 2003 Stock Incentive Plan that began investing in four equal annual installments on 7/21/05
- (7) Represents a 30,000 share grant approved under the Zale Corporation 2003 Stock Incentive Plan and which begins vesting in four equal annual installments on 9/6/06.

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