RETAIL VENTURES INC

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FORM 4

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RETAIL VENTURES INC [RVI]

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SONNENBERG HARVEY L

(First) (Middle) (Last)

M.R. WEISER & CO., LLP, 399

THORNALL ST.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/02/2005

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer Symbol

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

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EDISON, NJ 08837

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(M	onth/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.26	05/02/2005		A		2,500		05/02/2006	05/02/2015	Common Stock, without par value	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SONNENBERG HARVEY L M.R. WEISER & CO., LLP 399 THORNALL ST. EDISON, NJ 08837	X						

Signatures

By: Robert J. Tannous, Attorney-in-Fact 05/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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