

ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B
Form SC 13D/A
December 20, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13d-2(a)
(Amendment No. 24)*

Boulder Total Return Fund, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

101541100
(CUSIP Number)

Stephen C. Miller, Esq.
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1680 38th Street, Suite 800
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to
Receive Notices and Communications)

December 9, 2004

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of ss.ss.240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	3,413,138
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Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power	
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Owned by Each Reporting	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	3,413,138
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Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 3,413,138

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 27.66%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

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Lola Brown Trust No. 1B

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC OO

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	1,370,515
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Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power	
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Owned by Each Reporting	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	1,370,515
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Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,370,515

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 11.11%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Badlands Trust Company

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	0
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Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power	0
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Owned by Each Reporting	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
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Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	0
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 0

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

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Evergreen Atlantic LLC

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Colorado

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	343,748
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Shares, Beneficially

8.	Shared Voting Power	
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Owned by Each Reporting

9.	Sole Dispositive Power	343,748
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Person With

10.	Shared Dispositive Power	
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 343,748

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 2.79%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

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Stewart West Indies Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	104,627
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Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power	
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Owned by Each Reporting	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	104,627
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Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 104,627

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0.85%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

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Susan L. Ciciora Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not Applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power 72,176

Shares Beneficially 8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by Each Reporting 9. Sole Dispositive Power 72,176

Person With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 72,176

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0.58%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

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John S. Horejsi Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not Applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	53,080
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Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power	
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Owned by Each Reporting	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	53,080
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Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 53,080

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0.43%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

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Evergreen Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not Applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	25,698
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Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power	
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Owned by Each Reporting	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	25,698
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Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 25,698

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0.21%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(A)

(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not Applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d)
or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power 0

Shares Bene- 8. Shared Voting Power 229,883
ficially

Owned by Each 9. Sole Dispositive Power 0
Reporting

Person With 10. Shared Dispositive Power 229,883

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 229,883

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See
Instructions) X

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 1.86%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

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7. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Badlands Trust Company, LLC

8. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(A)
(B)

9. SEC Use Only

10. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC OO

11. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d)
or 2(e)

12. Citizenship or Place of Organization Alaska

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	0
Shares Bene-	8.	Shared Voting Power	229,883
fici-ally	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
Owned by Each	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	229,883
Reporting			
Person With			

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 0

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See
Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 1.86%

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
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Stewart R. Horejsi

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(A)
(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d)
or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization United States

Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power	0
Shares Bene-	8.	Shared Voting Power	343,748
ficially			
Owned by Each	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
Reporting			
Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	343,748

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 343,748

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See
Instructions) X

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 2.79%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN

Amendment No. 24 to Statement on Schedule 13D

This amended statement on Schedule 13D relates to the Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share (the "Shares"), of Boulder Total Return Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"). Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this statement, previously filed by the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B (the "Ernest Trust"), the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B (the "Brown Trust"), Badlands Trust Company ("Badlands"), Evergreen Atlantic LLC ("Evergreen Atlantic"), the Stewart West Indies Trust (the "West Indies Trust"), the Susan L. Ciciora Trust (the "Susan Trust"), the John S. Horejsi Trust (the "John Trust"), and the Evergreen Trust (the "Evergreen Trust"), as the direct beneficial owner of Shares, and the Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2 (the "Stewart Trust") and Stewart R. Horejsi, by virtue of the relationships described previously in this Statement, are hereby amended, or amended and restated, as set forth below.

Item 2. Identity and Background

No change except for the addition of the following:

(a) This Statement is also being filed by Badlands Trust Company, LLC ("Badlands LLC"). Badlands LLC is a trust company organized under the laws of Alaska, which is wholly owned by the Stewart Trust. The Board of Managers of Badlands LLC is Stephen C. Miller, Laura Rhodenbaugh, Robert Ciciora, Larry Dunlap, and Kevin VanNortwick (the "Managers"). The executive officers of Badlands LLC are Stephen C. Miller, President, Laura Rhodenbaugh, Treasurer and Stephanie Kelley, Secretary. The Stewart Trust is the sole member of Badlands LLC. The trustees of the Stewart Trust are Badlands LLC, Robert Ciciora and Brian Sippy. Such trustees may be deemed to control the Stewart Trust and may be deemed to possess indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares held by Badlands LLC. However, none of the trustees, acting alone, can vote or exercise dispositive authority over Shares held, directly or indirectly, by Badlands LLC. Accordingly, Badlands LLC, Mr. Ciciora and Dr. Sippy disclaim beneficial ownership of the Shares indirectly beneficially owned by the Stewart Trust.

On December 9, 2004 Badlands, a South Dakota corporation was dissolved and Badlands LLC, an Alaska limited liability company, was established in its place. As a result, this Statement is no longer filed on behalf of Badlands. Badlands LLC is the sole trustee of the Susan Trust, the John Trust and the West Indies Trust, which, together with the Evergreen Trust, control Evergreen Atlantic, the other two trustees of the Evergreen Trust being Stephen C. Miller and Larry L. Dunlap. Badlands LLC, together with Mr. Dunlap and Susan Ciciora, is one of three trustees of both the Brown Trust and the Ernest Trust. Badlands LLC, together with Robert Ciciora and Brian Sippy, is one of three trustees of the Stewart Trust.

The Ernest Trust, the Brown Trust, Evergreen Atlantic, the West Indies Trust, the Susan Trust, the John Trust, the Evergreen Trust, the Stewart Trust, Badlands LLC, and Stewart R. Horejsi are referred to as the "Reporting Persons."

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(b) The business address of Badlands LLC is 3601 C Street, Suite 600, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

The business address of Mr. Ciciora is 1105 Woodcrest Drive, Downers Grove, Illinois 60516. The business address of Dr. Sippy is 700 West Kent Avenue, Missoula, Montana 59801. The business address of Mr. Miller and Ms. Kelley is 1680 38th Street, Suite 800, Boulder, Colorado 80301. The business address of Ms. Rhodenbaugh is 200 South Santa Fe, Salina, Kansas, 67402. The business address of Mr. VanNortwick is 3601 C Street, Suite 600, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. The business address of Mr. Dunlap is 2120 Hillside Drive, Salina, Kansas 67402.

(c) Badlands LLC is a limited liability company organized to act as a private trust company to administer the Ernest Trust, the Stewart Trust, the Brown Trust, the Evergreen Trust, the West Indies Trust, the Susan Trust, the John Trust as well as other family trusts affiliated with the Horejsi family.

Dr. Sippy, M.D., Ph.D, is a trustee. Mr. VanNortwick is a certified public accountant with the firm of Mikunda, Cottrell & Co., Certified Public Accountants.

(d) None of the Reporting Persons has been convicted in a criminal proceeding in the past five years (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations or, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Badlands LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Alaska.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

No change except for the addition of the following:

The Shares acquired by the John Trust as set forth in Item 5(c) were purchased by the John Trust in a privately negotiated transaction with Badlands in connection with Badlands' liquidation. The total amount of funds required by the John Trust to purchase the Shares as reported in Item 5(c) from Badlands was \$252,492.60. Such funds were provided by the John Trust's cash on hand.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

No change except for the addition of the following:

The John Trust acquired the Shares reported in Item 5(c) from Badlands in order to increase its equity ownership of the Company. Depending upon their evaluation of the Company's investments and prospects, and upon future developments (including but not limited to, performance of the Shares in the market, the effective yield on the Shares, availability of funds, alternative uses of funds, and money, stock market, and general economic conditions), any of the Reporting Persons or other entities that may be deemed to be affiliated with the Reporting Persons may from time to time purchase Shares, and any of the Reporting Persons or other entities that may be deemed to be affiliated with the Reporting Persons may from time to time dispose of all or a portion of the Shares held by such person, or cease buying or selling Shares. Any such additional purchases or sales of the Shares may be in open market or

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privately-negotiated transactions or otherwise.

The Reporting Persons may be deemed to control the Company.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

No change except for the addition of the following:

(a) The Ernest Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 3,413,138 Shares, or approximately 27.66% of the 12,338,660 Shares outstanding as of April 2, 2004, according to information contained in the Company's Annual Proxy Statement dated April 5, 2004 (the "Outstanding Shares").

The Brown Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 1,370,515 Shares, or approximately 11.11% of the Outstanding Shares.

Evergreen Atlantic is the direct beneficial owner of 343,748 Shares, or approximately 2.79% of the Outstanding Shares.

The West Indies Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 104,627 Shares, or approximately 0.85% of the Outstanding Shares.

The Susan Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 72,176 Shares, or approximately 0.58% of the Outstanding Shares.

The John Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 53,080 Shares, or approximately 0.43% of the Outstanding Shares.

The Evergreen Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 25,698 Shares, or approximately 0.21% of the Outstanding Shares.

By virtue of the relationships reported in this Statement, Badlands LLC may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of the 229,883 Shares directly beneficially held by the West Indies Trust, the Susan Trust and the John Trust, or approximately 1.86% of the Outstanding Shares.

By virtue of the relationships previously reported in this Statement, the Stewart Trust may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of the 229,883 Shares directly beneficially held by the West Indies Trust, the Susan Trust and the John Trust, or approximately 1.86% of the Outstanding Shares.

By virtue of the relationships previously reported in this Statement, Mr. Horejsi may be deemed to share indirect beneficial ownership of the 343,748 Shares directly beneficially held by Evergreen Atlantic, or approximately 2.79% of the Outstanding Shares. In addition, Mr. Horejsi may be deemed to share indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially owned by the other Reporting Persons. Except as set forth above with respect to Evergreen Atlantic, Mr. Horejsi disclaims all such beneficial ownership.

By virtue of the relationships and transactions previously described in this Statement, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to constitute a group. Except as specifically set forth above in connection with Badlands LLC (with respect to the West Indies Trust, the Susan Trust and the John Trust), the Stewart Trust (with respect to the West Indies Trust, the Susan Trust, and the John Trust) and Mr. Horejsi (with respect to Evergreen Atlantic), each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of Shares directly beneficially owned by the other Reporting Persons.

(c) The table below sets forth Shares purchased by the John Trust. Such sales were effected in a privately negotiated transaction with an affiliate of

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the John Trust, Badlands.

Date	Amount of Shares	Approximate Price Per Share (exclusive of commissions)
12/09/2004	16,980	\$14.87

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: December 20, 2004

/s/ Stewart R. Horejsi

Stewart R. Horejsi individually and as
manager of Evergreen Atlantic LLC

/s/ Stephen C. Miller

Stephen C. Miller, as President of Badlands Trust Company,
LLC, trustee of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B, the Lola
Brown Trust No. 1B, the Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2, the
Susan L. Ciciora Trust, the John S. Horejsi Trust, the
Stewart West Indies Trust, and the Evergreen Trust.