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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H

CIK: **1194669**

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AVOCENT CORP

CIK: **1109808** | IRS No.: **912032368** | State of Incorp.: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Senior VP Finance & CFO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2005					
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	12/30/2005		P		307 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$23.09	4,662	D

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Options (rights to buy)	\$15.46							07/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾	07/25/2012	Common Stock	31,000	31,000	D	
Options (rights to buy)	\$27.25							03/07/2003 ⁽²⁾	03/07/2013	Common Stock	10,000	10,000	D	

Options (rights to buy)	\$40.98							02/05/2004 ⁽²⁾	02/05/2014	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Options (rights to buy)	\$28.96							08/19/2004 ⁽²⁾	08/19/2014	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Options (rights to buy)	\$26.14							06/30/2005 ⁽³⁾	06/30/2015	Common Stock	3,000		3,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant date, options vest over four years, 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% quarterly over the remaining 12 quarters.
2. Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for the final 10 quarters. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
3. Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
4. Shares purchased under the Avocent Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Signatures

Edward H. Blankenship

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/05/2006

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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