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REPORTING OWNER

HOLLAND WILLARD R

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CIK: **87565** | IRS No.: **340514850** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **0831**

SIC: **2821** Plastic materials, synth resins & nonvulcan elastomers

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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 HOLLAND WILLARD R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006			
2 SHADOW BROOK LANE			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)						
SAVANNAH, GA 31411						
(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)			

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						Title
Phantom Stock Units (1)	(2)	01/03/2006		A		34.85		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	34.85	\$21.52	16,241.63	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan, directors may elect to defer all or a portion of their director fees by receiving Phantom Stock Units in lieu of such fees. The number of Phantom Stock Units received is calculated by dividing the amount of fees deferred by the closing price of the Common Stock of S. Schulman, Inc. (the "Company") on the last business day of the preceding calendar year. Phantom Stock Units held by directors are credited with, and additional Phantom Stock Units are issued based on the amount of, dividends paid with respect to the Company's Common Stock from time to time. The Phantom Stock Units reflected in this Report were issued in lieu of director fees.

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3. Phantom Stock Units are payable in cash following the termination of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.

Signatures

/s/ Aaron S. Berke, as attorney in fact for Willard R. Holland

** 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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