HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

BINDER STEVEN G Symbol HORM			Symbol	MEL FOODS CORP /DE/				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
1 HORMEL PLACE			05/22/2007					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	p Vice Presiden	ıt	
			nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
AUSTIN, MN 55912			The (Mental Buy, Tear)					_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	emed on Date, if (Day/Year)	Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	05/22/2007			M	8,000	A	\$ 19.25	32,025	D		
Common Stock	05/22/2007			F	3,899	D	\$ 39.49	28,126	D		
Common Stock	05/22/2007			F	1,341	D	\$ 39.49	26,785 (1)	D		

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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number omf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. l De Sec (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.25	05/22/2007		M(2)	8,000	(3)	01/26/2010	Common Stock	8,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationsi

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BINDER STEVEN G 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912

Group Vice President

Signatures

Steven G. Binder, by Power of Attorney

05/23/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Reporting Person also holds 2,441 shares of phantom stock in his deferred account; he has indirect holdings of 1,180 shares in Founders Fund.
- (2) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on January 26, 2001.

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