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

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

OMB APPROVAL
OMB NUMBER: 3235-0287
EXPIRES:
DECEMBER 31, 2001
ESTIMATED AVERAGE
BURDEN HOURS
PER RESPONSE ... 0.5

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Tomlin	Merrell	M.
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

c/o Rayovac Corporation, 601 Rayovac Drive
(Street)

Madison	Wisconsin	53711
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Rayovac Corporation (ROV)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

Octboer/2001

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

- () Director
- () 10% Owner
- (X) Officer (give title below)
- () Other (specify title below)
- Executive Vice President of Sales

7. Individual, or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

- (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
- () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I - NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Month

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

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)

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)

2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

\$14.50

3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)

10/1/2001

4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)

A;V

5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Granted option to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock (A)

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

See Footnote (1)

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

Common Stock; 25,000 shares

8. Price of Derivative Securities (Instr. 5)

9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)

25,000

10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I) (Instr. 4)

(D)

11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Not applicable.

EXPLANATION OF RESPONSES:

(1) The option vests and becomes exercisable in equal annual installments over a three-year period that commenced October 1, 2001. The option expires on October 1, 2011.

/s/ James T. Lucke, as attorney-in-fact

November 8, 2001

** SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

DATE

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