

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SCHULTE RICHARD L</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3680 VICTORIA STREET N.</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>SHOREVIEW MN 55126</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DELUXE CORP [DLX]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. V.P., President - DBS</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/26/2004</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | 01/26/2004 | | A | | 868 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$42.3 | 2,369 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | 01/27/2004 | | M | | 1,501 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$0 | 868 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/27/2004 | | M | | 1,501 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$0 | 13,775 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/27/2004 | | F | | 784 | D | \$42.23 | 12,991 | 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Restricted stock units were awarded on 1/26/04 (868 units) under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be converted into common stock on the anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an election to receive a portion of the holder's 2003 incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.
- Vesting of restricted stock units awarded on 1/27/03 under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan. Award of units resulted from an election to receive a portion of the holder's 2002 incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.
- Amount also includes 321 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on July 31, 2003.

Remarks:

Anthony C. Scarfone as Power of Attorney for Richard L. Schulte 01/28/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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