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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|   |  |                | or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  |   |
|---|--|----------------|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>SIEBECKER WALTER F</u><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC<br>601 MERRITT 7<br>(Street)<br>NORWALK CT 06851<br>(City) (State) (Zip) |  | <u>EF</u>      | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC</u> [<br>FDS ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below)                           |
|   |  | ( )            | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>12/22/2004                                |   |
|   |  | 06851<br>(Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                      | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul> |
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#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |      |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------|---|---|---------------|-------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (Instr. 4)  |
| FactSet Common Stock            |  |   |      |   |   |               |       | 14,010  | D   |   |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of    |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| FactSet<br>Common<br>Stock                          | \$56.33   | 12/22/2004                                 |   | A                            |   | 3,000 |     | 12/22/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>                                      | 12/22/2014         | FactSet<br>Common<br>Stock   | 3,000                                  | \$00.00   | 55,000   | D  |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. 20 percent of the option grant acquired on December 22, 2004 is exercisable on December 22, on each of the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/23/2004

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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## Walter F. Siebecker

Date