

Vance James Michael  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Vance James Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/08/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, IT

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	
Common Stock	02/08/2006		A		1,500	A	
					\$ 0	(1)	
					1,500		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)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option	\$ 17.47	02/08/2006		A	2,600	02/08/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/08/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock 2,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vance James Michael 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			VP, IT	

## Signatures

David C. Milne - Attorney in fact                      02/10/2006

                                 \*\*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) These shares were granted under the Company's Capital Appreciation Plan, an employee benefit plan under Section 16(b)(3) which has been approved by the Company's shareholders. There is a three-year restriction on the transfer of these shares.
- (2) These options vest over a five-year period, with 25% vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and the remainder vesting on subsequent anniversaries.

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