

SEITEL INC
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___ Form 3
 Holdings
 Reported

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 Transactions
 Reported

1.	Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Seitel, Inc. SEI		6.	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
	(Last) (First) (Middle) Frame, Paul A.	3.	I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)	4.	Statement for Month/Year 12/00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director/Officer (give title below)	
	(Street) 50 Briar Hollow Lane 7 th Floor West Houston, Texas 77027			5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	<input type="checkbox"/>	10% Owner Other (specify below)	
	(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Executive Officer	
						Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)		
						Form Filed by One Reporting Person		
						Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
1.	Title of	2.	Transaction	3.	Transaction	4.	Securities Acquired (A)	
						5.	Amount	
						6.	Owner's Name	
							Nature of	

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Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			of Securities Beneficially Owned at the end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/01/00 - 12/31/00	J (1)	1,249	A	6.497-17.435	295,901	D	

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction 4(b)(v).

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)	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)	8.	Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9.	Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned End of (Instr. 4)
								(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

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Explanation of Responses:	1.	Routine transactions made pursuant to 401(k) election, which transactions are not required to be re										
/s/ Paul A. Frame By: Marcia H. Kendrick					02/14/01							
**Signature of Reporting Person					Date							

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