

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
**GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT
INC ET AL**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

, ONE CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

RYE, NY 10580

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC [TII]

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

05/19/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

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

____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____X____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/19/2005		P	1,000 A \$ 39.67	20,300	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)
Common Stock					1,000	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)
Common Stock					1,500	I	By: Investment Partnership (1)

Common
Stock

3,000 I

By:
Investment
Partnership
(1)

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(9-02)**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC ET AL
ONE CORPORATE CENTER
RYE, NY 10580

X

GABELLI MARIO J
C/O GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC
ONE CORPORATE CENTER
RYE, NY 10580

X

GABELLI GROUP CAPITAL PARTNERS INC
140 GREENWICH AVENUE
GREENWICH, CT 06830

X

Signatures

/s/ James E. McKee Attorney-in-Fact for MARIO J. GABELLI and GGCP, INC. and
Secretary for GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

05/20/2005

__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).

The Reporting Persons have less than a 100% interest in this security. The amount of securities reported as beneficially owned reflects the
(1) total amount of securities held by this entity which is greater than the Reporting Persons indirect pecuniary interests. The Reporting
Persons hereby disclaim beneficial ownership of these securities in excess of their pecuniary interests.

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