Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*   |   |  |  |      |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAWSON PRODUCTS INC/NEW/DE/  |     |  |      |   |                 |  |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)                      |                |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|------|---|--|-----|--|------|---|-----------------|--|---|--|----------------|--|--|--|
| SARANOW MITCHELL H   |   |  |  |      |   | LAWS ]   |     |  |      |   |                 |  |   |  |                | 10% Ow   |  |  |
| (Last)   | ast) (First) (Middle)   |  |  |      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2003 |  |     |  |      |   |                 |  | Officer (<br>below)                                 | (give title  |                | Other (specification)  | pecify                                     |  |
| (Street)   |   |  |  |      |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |     |  |      |   |                 |  |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                     |                |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |   |  |  |      |   |  |     |  |      |   |                 |  | _   | Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person        |                |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |  |  |      |   |  |     |  |      |   |                 |  |   |  |                |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)  |   |  |  |      | Execution Date  |  |     | Code (Instr.   |      |   |                 |  | Beneficial<br>Owned Fo                              | lly  | Form:          | Direct Indirect Etr. 4)  | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |  |
|  |   |  |  |      |   |  |     | Code   | v    | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                                  | Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 3 ar              |  |                | (  | Instr. 4)                                  |  |
| 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 Dat<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Ye | Code | saction<br>(Instr.  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |      | le and 7. Title and An of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | es<br>Security                         | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>ally | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)      |  |
|  |   |  |  | Code | · v   | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  |      | xpiration<br>ate  | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |                |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Equivalent  | 0(1)  | 07/01/2003                                 |  | A    |   | 131.63   |     | 08/08/1988   | 2) 0 | 3/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>  | Common<br>Stock | 131.63                                 | \$28.63   | 131.6  | i3             | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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- 2. Stock equivalents issued pursuant to the Lawson Products, Inc. 2002 Stock Equivalents Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which are payable five years from date of grant.

/s/ Neil Jenkins As Attorney-infact

07/02/2003

\*\* 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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