

MURDOCH LACHLAN K  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |   |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                                     |  |
| Â MURDOCH LACHLAN K                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | NEWS CORP [NWS]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| C/O NEWS AMERICA                          |         |                                      |   |  |
| INCORPORATED,Â 1211                       |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)  |  |
| AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS                    |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other      |  |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)  |  |
|   |         |                                      | Sr. EVP and Deputy COO  |  |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10036                      |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)                      |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person          |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person           |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|   |   |  |  |   |  |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date  | Title  | Amount or Number of                                     |  |

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| MURDOCH LACHLAN K<br>C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED<br>1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X             |           | Sr. EVP and Deputy COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Laura O' Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for Lachlan K. Murdoch

11/12/2004

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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### Remarks:

This report does not reflect the non-derivative and/or derivative securities received in connection with which will be reflected on a Form 4 filed simultaneously herewith.

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