

WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Ponko Edmund L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES INC [WOR]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 200 OLD WILSON BRIDGE RD.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/29/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres. Dietrich Industries

COLUMBUS, OH 43085

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |

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)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative Security |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 5) |                     |                    |                  |  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
|                  |                                    |                  | Code       | V   | (A)              | (D)        | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock | (1)                                |                  |            |   |                  |            | (2)                 | (3)                | common<br>shares | 87                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Ponko Edmund L<br>200 OLD WILSON BRIDGE RD.<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43085 |               |           | Pres. Dietrich Industries |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dale T. Brinkman, as attorney-in-fact for Edmund L.  
Ponko, Jr. 09/30/2005

\_\_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).
- (1) The accounts track common stock on a one-for-one basis
- (2) The account balances related to the theoretical common shares may be immediately transferred to other investment options under the terms of the deferred compensation plans.
- (3) These are unfunded accounts under Worthington Industries, Inc.'s deferred compensation plan invested in phantom stock. Distributions are made only in cash, and generally commence upon retirement or other termination of employment.
- (4) Reflects changes in accounts invested in phantom stock as a result of dividend reinvestment feature of Worthington Industries, Inc.'s deferred compensation plans.

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