

MITAROTONDA JAMES A  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>MITAROTONDA JAMES A</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P., 888 SEVENTH AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK, NY 10019</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/21/2005</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	495,893	I	By Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. (1) (2)
Common Shares	336,188	I	By Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. (BVI) (1) (2)
Common Shares	360,921	I	By Barington Companies Advisors, LLC (1) (2) (3)

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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MITAROTONDA JAMES A C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P. 888 SEVENTH AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	X			

## Signatures

/s/ James A.  
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\*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The Reporting Person's relationship to Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. ("Barington"), Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. (BVI) ("Barington Fund") and Barington Companies Advisors, LLC ("Barington Advisors") is described in this footnote. The Reporting Person is the President and CEO of Barington Companies Investors, LLC ("Barington Investors"), which is the general partner of Barington. The Reporting Person is the sole stockholder and director of LNA Capital Corp., which is the general partner of Barington Capital Group, L.P. ("Barington Capital"), which is the managing member of Barington Advisors, which is the investment advisor of the Barington Fund and the investment account managed on behalf of Millenco, L.P. Barington Capital is also the majority member of Barington Investors.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3) Pursuant to an account management agreement between Millennium Operations, LLC and Barington Advisors, Barington Advisors manages an investment account on behalf of Millenco, L.P. with respect to these shares.

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