

Cooper David Michael  
 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 \*  
 Cooper David Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC  
 [MERC]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SUITE 2840, 650 WEST GEORGIA STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/27/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP Sales and Marketing, Europe

(Street)  
 VANCOUVER, A1 V6B 4N8

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)
				(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 0	07/27/2005	J		30,000 <u>(1)</u>		07/27/2005	07/27/2015	Common Shares	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cooper David Michael SUITE 2840 650 WEST GEORGIA STREET VANCOUVER, A1 V6B 4N8			VP Sales and Marketing, Europe	

## Signatures

/s/ David M. Cooper  
07/27/2005  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Mr. Cooper was granted stock options to acquire up to 30,000 shares of Mercer International Inc. on July 27, 2005 (the "Date of Grant") in connection with his appointment as a senior officer of Mercer. The options are exercisable as to one-third on the Date of Grant, and one-third on each of the first and second anniversaries thereof. The options have a ten year term and are exercisable at a price of \$7.25 per share.

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