

LITHIA MOTORS INC  
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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 \*  
GANIM LINDA

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
360 E. JACKSON ST.  
(Street)

MEDFORD, OR 97501

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Following 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) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common                  |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,206   | D  |                                   |
| Class A Common                  |                                      |  |                                |   | 33  | I  | By 401(k)                         |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title          | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 31.67   | 03/10/2006                           |  | A                              | 1,002   | 03/10/2011   | 03/10/2012  | Class A Common | 1,002                      |
| Stock Option (2002iso) (right to buy)      | \$ 15.13   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/26/2007   | 12/26/2012  | Class A Common | 2,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 29.42   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/11/2009   | 03/11/2010  | Class A Common | 2,400                      |
| Stock Option (2001nq) (right to buy)       | \$ 19.24   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/26/2006   | 12/26/2011  | Class A Common | 2,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 12.69   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(1)</sup>   | 07/05/2010  | Class A Common | 2,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 11.81   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/26/2005   | 12/26/2010  | Class A Common | 2,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|                                |               |           |         |       |

GANIM LINDA  
360 E. JACKSON ST.  
MEDFORD, OR 97501

Chief Accounting Officer

## Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in  
Fact for

03/13/2006

\_\_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) Beginning on the 1st anniversary of the grant date, the options vest as to 20% of the total grant on each of the 1st through the 5th anniversaries.

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