

# 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 * <b>LASATER GERALD D</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MGP INGREDIENTS INC [MGPI]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <b>Vice President</b>		
(Last) <b>1300 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 130</b>	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>02/25/2004</b>					
(Street) <b>ATCHISON, KS 66002</b>			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								870	D	
Common Stock								2,351	I	by Trust
Common Stock								4,749	I	by Spouse's Trust
Common Stock								29,136	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	02/25/2004		F		4,323	D	\$ 20.49	426	I	by Spouse's Trust
Common Stock	02/25/2004		M		3,500	A	\$ 9.3125	5,851	I	by Trust
Common Stock	02/25/2004		M		7,000	A	\$ 8	12,581	I	by Trust

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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.3125	02/25/2004		M		3,500	(1)	06/08/2011	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8	02/25/2004		M		7,000	(2)	12/09/2009	Common Stock	7,000	\$ 0	0	D	

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LASATER GERALD D 1300 MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 130 ATCHISON, KS 66002			Vice President	

## Signatures

Gerald D. Lasater		02/27/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## 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 option vested as follows: 1,750 shares on 6/8/02; 1,750 shares on 6/8/03.
- (2) The option vested as follows: 1,750 shares on 12/9/00; 1,750 shares on 12/9/01; 1,750 shares on 12/9/02; 1,750 shares on 12/9/03.

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