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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting BOURKE MURPHY A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GULF ISLAND FABRICATION INC [GIFI]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
583 THOMPSON ROAD (First)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2003					X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President - Marketing			
(Street) HOUMA, LA 70363	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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)	(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)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)

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)

Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Code	tion	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			r)			Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial	
				Code	v	,		Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Options (Right to Buy)	\$16.69	12/11/2003		A		7,500		12/11/2004 ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2013	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 0	7,500	D		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BOURKE MURPHY A 583 THOMPSON ROAD HOUMA, LA 70363			Vice President - Marketing					

Signatures

Robin A. Seibert on behlf of Murphy A. Bourke pursuant to power of Attorney

"Signature of Reporting Person

01/21/2004

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) Exercisable in annual increments equal to 20% of the total number of options beginning on 12/11/2004 and on the next four subsequent anniversaries thereof.

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