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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 R BOURKE MURPHY	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 RO	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2004						X_ Officer (give title below)Other (specify below) Vice President - Marketing					
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									
(Instr. 3) Da		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	ion Date, if Code (Instr. 8)		*			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock		08/05/2004		М		1,600	A	\$ 7.125	23,800	D		
Common Stock		08/05/2004		S		1,600	D	\$ 20.61	22,200	D		
Reminder: Report on a sep	arate line for each cl	lass of securities ber	neficially owned dire	ctly or indir	ectly.							

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Code	tion	of Deri Secu Acq (A) Disp of (I	vative urities uired or	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	Securities		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial		
				Code		and (A)	5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(IIISU. 4)	(IIIsti: 4)		
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.125	08/05/2004		M			1,600	01/29/2000(1)	01/29/2009	Common Stock	1,600	\$ 0	2,000	D		

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Robin A. Seibert on behalf of Murphy A. Bourke pursuant to Power of Attorney	08/06/2004	
**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) Exercisable in annual increments equal to 20% of the total number of options beginning on 01/29/2000 and on the next four subsequent one year anniversaries thereof.

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