FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name a <u>NOEL</u>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HURCO COMPANIES INC [HURC]								(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner									
(Last)	,	rst) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/06/2004										r (give title		Other (s below)		
ONE TECHNOLOGY WAY						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46268															X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate) ((Zip)																	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,			3. Transac Code (Ir 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)			5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned	ies sially	Forn (D) c Indii	n: Direct or rect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
										v	Amount	Amount (A) (D)		Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/06/20						004 07/06/2004		М		15,00	15,000 A S		\$5.8 1	3 15	5,000		D			
	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)	Execut if any			tion of I			Expiration	6. Date Exercisable : Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		nd 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly Direct or Indi (I) (Ins 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	or Nu of	umber						
Director Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.813	07/06/2004	07/06/2004		М			15,000	12/15/1999) (1)]	12/14/2004	Commo Stock		5,000	\$5.813	0		D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option became fully vested on December 15, 1999.

Remarks:

/s/ Odgen C. Noel, Jr.

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

07/07/2004

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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