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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *      |   |                   |           |   | 2. I  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  |                    |                           |  |                                 |           |   | ol  |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |   |  |            |
|--|---|-------------------|-----------|---|---|--|--------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|------------|
| ROTHSCHILD JAMES A                             |   |                   |           |   |   | WORLD WRESTLING<br>ENTERTAINMENTINC [ WWE ]  |                    |                           |  |                                 |           |   | ]   |   | Director  | ,   |   | % Owner  |            |
| (Last)   | (Last) (First) (Middle)                                   |                   |           |   | 3. I  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) |                    |                           |  |                                 |           |   | )   |   | XOfficer (give title below)Other (specify below) SVP, N. American Sales |   |   |  |            |
| C/O WORL<br>ENTERTAI<br>MAIN STRI              | NMENT   |                   | 241 E     | AS                                      | Γ   |  |                    | <b>1</b> /1               | 12/20  | 004                             |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |            |
| (Street)                                       |   |                   |           | 4. I                                    | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  |                    |                           |  |                                 |           | D/YYY   | Y) (  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                             |   |   |   |  |            |
| STAMFORD, CT 06902 (City) (State) (Zip)        |   |                   |           |   |   |  |                    |                           |  |                                 |           |   | -   | _ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |  |            |
|  |   |                   | Table 1   | I - No                                  | n-Der   | ivat   | ive Se             | curities A                | cquir  | ed, D                           | Dispo     | osed o  | f, or l   | Bene  | ficially Owne   | ed  |   |  |            |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                |   |                   |           | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any |   | 3. Trans. C<br>(Instr. 8)                    | ode                | or Di                     | Securities Acqu<br>Disposed of (D<br>nstr. 3, 4 and 5) |                                 |           | Foll  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |   | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)                                  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership   |  |            |
|  |   |                   |           |   |   |  |                    | Code                      | V  | Amo                             | ount      | (A) or<br>(D)   | Pric  | e   |   |   |   | or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4)                                   | (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Stock 1/12/200                  |   |                   |           | 2004                                    | )4  |  | A (1)              | V                         | 18   | 18 A                            |           | \$0   |   | 6465  |   |   | D   |  |            |
| Class A Common Stock 1/16/20                   |   |                   |           | 2004                                    | 04  |  | A (2)              | V                         | V 5047 A   |                                 | <u>(3</u> | )   | 11112   |   | D   |   |   |  |            |
| Class A Common Stock 1/16/200                  |   |                   |           | 2004                                    |   |  | A (4)              |                           | 1833   | 33                              | A         | <u>(4</u>   | )   | 29845 <sup>(5)</sup>  |   | D   |   |  |            |
|  | Tab   | le II - Deri      | ivative   |   |   | Bene   |                    |                           | _  |                                 |           |   |   |   | ptions, conve   |   |   |  |            |
| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative | 3. Trans.<br>Date | Execution | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Ins  |   |  | Acquire<br>Dispose | ve Securities<br>d (A) or |  | ate Exercisable and ration Date |           | 7. Title and A Securities Un Derivative S (Instr. 3 and |   | Underlying Derivative<br>Security Security  |   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | Form of Derivative Security:                          | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |            |
|  | Security  |                   |           |   | Code  | V  | (A)                | (D)                       | Date<br>Exerci   |                                 |           | ration  | Title   |   | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares  |   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4)                     |            |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (rights to<br>buy)   | \$17.00   | 1/16/2004         |           |   | D   |  |                    | 110000                    | <u>((</u>  | <u>6)</u>                       | 10/13     | 8/2009  |   | ss A<br>mon<br>ck   | 110000  | <u>(4)</u>  | 0   | D  |            |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Consists of additional Restricted Class A Common Stock Units resulting from dividend accruals on previously granted Units.
- (2) Reported transactions consist of purchases under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan from time to time with the latest purchase on the date set forth in Table I, Column 2.
- **(3)** \$7.07-\$8.23.
- (4) On January 16, 2004, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to an option exchange program, the option described in Table II. In exchange for this option, the reporting person received the Restricted Class A Common Stock Units reported in Table I.
- (5) Reported number includes shares of Class A Common Stock and Restricted Class A Common Stock Units.
- (6) Current

#### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |  |  |  |
| ROTHSCHILD JAMES A<br>C/O WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.<br>1241 EAST MAIN STREET<br>STAMFORD, CT 06902 |               |           | SVP, N. American Sales |       |  |  |  |

### **Signatures**

| James A. Rothschild              | 1/16/2004 |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| ** Signature of Reporting Person | Date      |  |  |  |

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

- \* 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).

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