# FORM 4

# 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* ROBINSON THOMAS E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TANGER FACTORY OUTLET CENTERS INC [SKT]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  _X_ Director Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
309 GAI		(First) OREST ROA	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest 05/14/2004	Transactio	n (Month/Da	ay/Year)						
OWNINGS MILLS, MD 21117			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City		(State)	(Zip)	Ta	able I - Nor	-Derivative	Securities	Acqui	ired, Dispo	osed of, or I	Beneficially	Owned	
(Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		D) Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction		ollowing	Ownership Form:	Beneficial	
				(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V Amou	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 a	nd 4)		` /	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	Stock		05/14/2004(1)		A	375	A	\$ 0	7,170			D	
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### **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ROBINSON THOMAS E 309 GARRISON FOREST ROAD OWNINGS MILLS, MD 21117	X				

#### **Signatures**

By: James F. Williams For: Thomas E. Robinson	05/17/2004
**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) Represents grant of restricted shares approved by the Company's Board of Directors on April 26, 2004, subject to shareholder approval of the Company's Amended and Restated Incentive Award Plan. The Company's shareholders approved the plan on May 14, 2004.

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