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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Typ | e Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|---|--------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [LTS] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/05/2006 | | | | | | below) | <u>Delow</u> | | |
| (Street) MIAMI, FL 33137-3227 | | | | Month/Day/ | | Date Origina | al | | 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 Own | | | | | | | | | | | ficially Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, | | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securiti (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) or | d of (D) I 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 10/05/2006 | | | P | V | Amount 150,000 | (D) A | Price \$ 0.9917 | 4) 4,572,478 | 1 | Frost Gamma Investments Trust ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 43,013,431 | I | Frost Nevada Investments Trust ⁽²⁾ | |

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, cans, warrants, options, conventible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Security | Conversion | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D) (Instr | • | | on Date Year) | Amo Unde Secu | Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Securities Form of Beneficially Derivative Owned Security: Following Direct (D) | Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Departing Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD MIAMI, FL 33137-3227 | х | х | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Phillip Frost, M.D. | 10/06/2006 | |
|--------------------------------|------------|--|
| -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).

These securities are held by Frost Gamma Investments Trust, of which the reporting person is the trustee and Frost Gamma Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary. The reporting person is one of two limited partners of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership. On December 13, 2005 Frost Beta II LP became a limited
partner of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership. Patricia Frost (wife of Phillip Frost, M.D.) and the Frost Family Charitable Remainder Trust are the two limited partners of Frost Beta II LP. The general partner of Frost Beta II

⁽¹⁾ Charitable Remainder Trust are the two limited partners of Frost Beta II LP. The general partner of Frost Beta II LP is Frost Beta II, Inc. (Subsidiary of Frost Beta, Inc.) and sole shareholder of Frost Beta, Inc. is Phillip Frost. The general partner of Frost Gamma LP is Frost Gamma, Inc. and the sole shareholder of Frost Gamma, Inc. is Frost-Nevada Corporation. The reporting person is also the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation.

These securities are held by Frost Nevada Investments Trust, of which the reporting person is the trustee and Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary. The reporting person is one of five limited partners of Frost-Nevada Limited Partnership and the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation, the sole of the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation, the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation (Corporation) and the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada

(2) general partner of Frost-Nevada, L.P. On December 14, 2005 Patricia Frost (wife of Phillip Frost, M.D.) became a Limited Partner of Frost-Nevada L.P. On December 29, 2005 the Frost Family Charitable Remainder Trust became a limited partner of Frost Beta LP, an existing partner of Frost-Nevada, L.P.

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