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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Pe LANGLEY C JOHN JR	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
430 AIRPORT ROAD (First)		3. Date of Earliest T 05/19/2004	ransaction	(Mon	nth/Day/Y	ear)		ther (specify bel	ow)		
(Street) GREENEVILLE, TN 37745		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									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			f(D)	Transaction(s)	Ownership Form:	Beneficial					
		(Month/Day/Year)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		

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, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4. 5.		5. Number		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and		8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transaction of		Expiration Date		Amount of		Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect		
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code			(Month/Day	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying		Securities	Form of	Beneficial	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	)	Securities				(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership		
	Derivative					Acquir	Acquired		(Instr. 3 and 4)			Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)	
	Security					(A) or					0	Direct (D)			
						Dispos	ed	d				· F · · · · ·	or Indirect		
						of (D)						Transaction(s)	· · /		
						(Instr. 3	3, 4,	, 4,				(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
						and 5)									
											Amount				
								Date	Expiration		or				
								Exercisable		Title	Number				
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares				
Stock															
Option	¢ 20 2	05/10/2004							0.5/10/2014	Common		<b>^</b>	<b>-</b> - 00	P	
(Right to	\$ 30.3	05/19/2004		Α		7,500		<u>(1)</u>	05/19/2014	Stock	7,500	\$ 0	7,500	D	
Buy)										Stock					
Duy)															

## **Reporting Owners**

Demontine Original News (Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LANGLEY C JOHN JR 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745	х							

### **Signatures**

By: /s/ Lera Doherty, Attorney-in-Fact	05/20/2004
**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) This is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years commencing 5/19/05.

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