FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LANE LYNN L | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES & COLVARD LTD [CTHR] | | | | | | | | | icable) or | g Per | rson(s) to Iss | vner | |
|--|--|--|--|--------|-----------------------------|---|---|------|--|--------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CHARLES & COLVARD, LTD. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2005 | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | Other (s below) | specify | |
| 300 PERIMETER PARK DRIVE, SUITE A | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) MORRISVILLE NC 27560 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Date | | | Code (Instr | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | | Benefic | ties Fo cially (D Following (I) | | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | Price | Transac (Instr. 3 | ction(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/ | ate, T | 4. Transact Code (In: | | | | 6. Date Exc Expiration (Month/Da | Date | Amount o | | of es ng re | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Ownership Form: | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisabl | | xpiration ate | Title | Amo or Nun of Sha | | | | | | | |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$17.92 | 05/23/2005 | | | A | | 8,000 | | 05/23/200 | 6 0 | 5/22/2010 | common stock | 8,0 | 000 | \$0 | 8,000 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

<u>James R. Braun, by Power of Attorney</u>

05/24/2005

** 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).
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Securities and Exchange Commission Judiciary Plaza 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Charles & Colvard

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to General Instruction 7 to Form 3 (Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership), Form 4 (Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership) and Form 5 (Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the undersigned director, officer and/or shareholder of Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (the ?Company?) hereby authorizes and designates Robert S. Thomas, Cyrus M. Johnson, James R. Braun, and David Baddour, and each of them, to execute and file with the Commission on the undersigned?s behalf any and all statements on Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 relating to the undersigned?s beneficial ownership of securities of the Company as required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules of the Commission promulgated thereunder. This authorization and designation shall be effective for so long as the undersigned remains subject to the provisions of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Effective as of the 23rd day of May, 2005.

/s/ Lynn L. Lane Name: Lynn L. Lane