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*  THORNTON GEORGE A III						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES & COLVARD LTD [ CTHR ]								Check all a	ector	ng Pe	10% Ov	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CHARLES & COLVARD, LTD.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2004								Off bel	cer (give title ow)		Other (s	specify	
3800 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 310					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) MORRISVILLE 27560													X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St	tate) (	Zip)																
		Tab	le I - Non-D	Derivat	ive S	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired, D	ispos	sed o	f, or Be	enefici	ally Owi	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date			Code (Instr. 5)				nd Secu Bene	ount of rities ficially ed Following rted	Forr (D) o	rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	Co	Transactio Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)		s Illy	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	de V	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expir Date	ration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	ber					
stock option (right to buy)	\$4.94	05/11/2004		A	\		8,000		05/11/2005	05/10	0/2009	common stock	8,000	\$0	8,000		D		

**Explanation of Responses:** 

James R. Braun, by Power of Attorney

05/12/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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