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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1 1. Nume and Address of Reporting Ferson			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Opteum Inc.</u> [OPX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) C/O OPTEUM IN	(First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2007	X	Director Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (specify below)			
3305 FLAMINGO DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applica Line) 					
(Street) VERO BEACH	FL	32963		x	Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than Person	0			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.					Securities	(D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount (A) or (D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	action(s)		
Class A Common Stock	01/17/2007		A		2,338	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	26,666 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired A) or Disposed		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Excludes 34,314 shares of Class A Common Stock held indirectly by immediate family members.

J. Christopher Clifton,

Attorney-In-Fact

01/19/2007

** 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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