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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCELFO JOHN J	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERADA HESS CORP [AHC]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1185 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10036			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12,500 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	196	I	See Note ⁽²⁾

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Option to purchase Common Stock	05/07/2004	05/07/2014	Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	25,000	45.76	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares of restricted stock awarded as of April 1, 2004 held in escrow under the Amended and Restated 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The reporting person has only voting power of these shares until the lapsing of the period set by the Committee administering the plan at which time the shares plus accrued dividends will be delivered to the reporting person if he is still an employee of the Corporation.

2. Shares held in the Corporation's Employees' Savings and Stock Bonus Plan.

John J. Scelfo04/07/2004

** 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 5 (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).

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