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# 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*<br><u>SHACKELFORD DONALD B</u> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>LIMITED BRANDS INC</u> [ LTD ] |                   | ationship of Reporting P<br>< all applicable)<br>Director | erson(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last)<br>FIFTH THIRI   |         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/02/2005                          |                   | Officer (give title<br>below)                             | Other (specify below)           |  |  |
| 21 E. STATE STREET - SUITE 1400   |         | TE 1400  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                | 6. Indiv<br>Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable            |                                 |  |  |
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) | ction | Disposed Of ( | isposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>) |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | Form: Direct | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---|--------------|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v     | Amount        | (A) or<br>(D)                        | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |              | (Instr. 4)  |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of    |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | \$0.0000 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 02/02/2005                                 |   | A                            |   | 1,133 |     | (2)  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.50 par<br>value  | 1,133                                  | \$0   | 8,222 <sup>(3)</sup>   | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This award converts to common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

2. The shares of phantom stock become payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

3. Total holdings include phantom shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions exempt pursuant to Rule 16a-11 and phantom shares acquired in connection with stock dividends exempt pursuant to Rule 16a-9

**Remarks:** 

#### By: Robert J. Tannous, Attorney-in-Fact

02/02/2005

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).

\*\* 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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