

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MAXWELL C CHRISTOPHER</u>  _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED</u> <u>200 CLARENDON STREET</u>  _____ (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02116</u>  _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES INC [ CRAI ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/27/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/27/2004		M		2,500	A	\$10.688	33,700	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2004		M		5,000	A	\$22.81	38,700	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2004		S		7,500	D	\$40.1062	31,200	D	

**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/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.688	10/27/2004		M/K		2,500		09/11/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/11/2010	Common Stock	2,966	\$0	0	D	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.81	10/27/2004		M		3,798		06/05/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/05/2013	Common Stock	16,950	\$0	13,152	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.81	10/27/2004		M		1,202		06/05/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	06/05/2013	Common Stock	3,050	\$0	1,848	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$32.26							11/25/2005	05/10/2014	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Date indicated is date of grant. The option vests over four years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, as follows: 233 shares vest on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and 1,250 shares vest on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- Date indicated is date of grant. The option vests over four years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant as follows: 3,798 shares vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 4,384 shares vest on each of the second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- Date indicated is date of grant. The option vests over four years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, as follows: 1,202 shares vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 616 shares vest on each of the second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

Delia J. Makhouta, by power of attorney 10/29/2004

\*\* 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 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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