FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LEONARD TED W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OPTICAL CABLE CORP [OCCF]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
LEUNARD IED W															Dire	ctor	10%	Owner	
(Last)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								7	X Office below			er (specify w)					
(Last)	12/	12/30/2003									VP Sales - USA								
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
-															X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)	(St	rate) (Zip)												Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tabl	e I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	eficia	ally Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans: Date (Month/I						Day/Year) Ex		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispo		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			nd Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount		A) or D)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111341. 4)	
Common	Stock			12/30/	/2003				A		10,000	(1)	Α	\$	\$0 11,250 D				
		Та	able II - D (e								sed of, onvertib				y Owned				
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	ed Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr.				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sha						

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents an award of restricted stock under the issuer's incentive stock plan. The award is effective as of December 30, 2003 but the reporting person did not receive notice of the award until after the close of business on January 16, 2004. The award vests ratably over 16 quarters beginning on January 31, 2004.

<u>Ted W. Leonard</u> 01/21/2004

** 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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