

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BERNS STEVEN</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES INC</u> <u>1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 7TH FLOOR</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10020</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/18/2004</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES INC [IPG]</u> <hr/> 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) _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Senior VP & Treasurer</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>43,000⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>D</u>	

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				
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>09/15/2009</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>09/21/2009</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>38.125</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>01/01/2011</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>40.4688</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>01/01/2012</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>29.475</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>02/27/2012</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>27.41</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>03/07/2012</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>33.79</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>05/19/2012</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>33.225</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>03/25/2013</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>9.64</u>	<u>D</u>

Explanation of Responses:

1. All are restricted shares which are subject to forfeiture under certain circumstances.
2. The option is exercisable in three equal installments on the fourth, fifth and sixth anniversaries of the date of grant.

/s/ Marjorie Hoey, Attorney-in-Fact 05/19/2004

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Steven D. Berns, of The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. authorize, designate and appoint Nicholas J. Camera and/or Marjorie Hoey, or either of them, or the substitute of either, as my true and lawful attorney to act on my behalf in signing and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange reports on Form 3, Form 4 and Form 5 pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, and I hereby confirm all that either of the said attorneys or their substitutes shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This instrument may not be changed orally.

I have signed this Power of Attorney on the 18th day of May 2004.

/s/ Steven D. Berns