

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ¹ SAUL B FRANCIS II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SAUL CENTERS INC [BFS]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div> <div><input type="checkbox"/>X__ Director</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/>X__ 10% Owner</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/>X__ Officer (give title below)</div> <div>Other (specify below)</div> </div> <div>Chief Executive Officer</div>						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, 15th Floor			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2004										
(Street) Bethesda, MD 20814			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div> <div><input type="checkbox"/>X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div> </div>						
(City) (State) (Zip)			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 Shares								835,309	D				
Common Shares								7,620.625	I ⁽¹⁾	See footnote ⁽¹⁾			
Common Shares								4,072.379	I ⁽²⁾	See footnote ⁽²⁾			
Common Shares								8,320.625	I ⁽³⁾	See footnote ⁽³⁾			
Common Shares								62,431.462	I ⁽⁴⁾	See footnote ⁽⁴⁾			
Common Shares								1,302,917.426	I ⁽⁵⁾	See footnote ⁽⁵⁾			
Common Shares								228,053.982	I ⁽⁶⁾	See footnote ⁽⁶⁾			
Common Shares								292,947.09	I ⁽⁷⁾	See footnote ⁽⁷⁾			
Common Shares								107.969	I ⁽⁸⁾	See footnote ⁽⁸⁾			
Common Shares								202,680.412	I ⁽⁹⁾	See footnote ⁽⁹⁾			
Common Shares								3,796,956.804	I ⁽¹³⁾	See footnote ⁽¹³⁾			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option	\$25.78							04/26/2004	04/26/2014	Common Stock	2,500		2,500		D		
Phantom Stock (14)	(10)	10/01/2004		A		186.298		(11)	(11)	Common Stock	186.298	\$33.28	11,853.85 (12)		D		

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAUL B FRANCIS II 7501 Wisconsin Avenue 15th Floor Bethesda, MD 20814	X	X	Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

B. Francis Saul II

10/05/2004

--Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

- (1) Owned by the Elizabeth Willoughby Saul Trust, of which the reporting person is sole trustee. Ms. Saul is the daughter of the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (2) Owned by The Sharon Elizabeth Saul Trust, of which the reporting person is sole trustee. Ms. Saul is the daughter of the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Owned by the Patricia English Saul Trust, of which the reporting person is sole trustee. Ms. Saul is the daughter of the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (4) Owned by Patricia E. Saul, the reporting person's spouse.
- (5) Owned by The B.F. Saul Company Employees' Profit Sharing Reinvestment Trust (the "Pension Trust", a profit sharing retirement plan for the benefit of the employees of B.F. Saul Company and other participating employers. The Pension Trust is administered by four trustees, one of which is the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities in the Pension Trust that exceed his pecuniary interest in the Pension Trust.
- (6) Owned by B.F. Saul Property Company, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of B.F. Saul Company, of which the reporting person is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.
- (7) Owned by Dearborn, L.L.C., the sole member of which is B.F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust, of which the reporting person is Chairman of the Board and the majority owner.
- (8) Owned by Van Ness Square Corporation, of which the reporting person is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.
- (9) Owned by B.F. Saul Company, of which the reporting person is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.
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- (11) Under the terms of the reporting person's Deferred Fee Agreement, payment of shares of the issuer's common stock commences at such time as the reporting person ceases to be a director of the issuer. Payment will be a lump sum upon termination of directorship.
- (12) Includes 154.301 shares (\$29.1000/share) awarded July 30, 2004 as dividend reinvestments on shares of phantom stock held by the reporting person pursuant to the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan under its 2004 Stock Plan and shares of phantom stock issued under the issuer's Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors.
- (13) Owned by B.F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust, of which the reporting person is Chairman of the Board and the majority owner.
- (14) Pursuant to the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan under its 2004 Stock Plan and the Deferred Fee Agreement executed by the reporting person, the reporting person has elected to defer receipt of his director's fees, and receive phantom stock, the amount of which is calculated as the quotient of the dollar value of fees deferred, divided by the fair market value of the issuer's shares on the date the phantom stock is received.

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