UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESM

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2005 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Warner Music Group Corp. [WMG] | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| LEE THOMAS H EQUITY FUND V LP (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P., 100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR (Street) BOSTON MA 02110 (City) (State) (Zip) | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 10% Owner Year) Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Form filed by One Reporting Person Y Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 34,798,629.6175 | D | | | | | | |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | Exercisable and | | Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. | | Conversion or Excercise | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of SharesM | Price of Derivative Security | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Scott M. Sperling

<u>05/11/2005</u>

** Signature of Reporting Date 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 5(b)(v).

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