FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Bider Leslie E	2. Date of Ever Requiring State (Month/Day/Yea	ement ar)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Warner Music Group Corp. [ WMG ]				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORP. 75 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA  (Street) NEW YORK NY 10019  (City) (State) (Zip)	05/11/2005 		4. Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable)  Director  X Officer (give title below)  CEO, Warner/Chappell	10% Owne Other (spe below)	(Monocify 6. Ir	nth/Day/Year) dividual or Join licable Line) Form filed b Person	ate of Original Filed  ht/Group Filing (Check  y One Reporting  y More than One  lerson
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Insti		4. Conversion or	Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)	09/29/2014	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	298,736	0.88	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. On March 31, 2005, Warner Music Inc. and Mr. Bider entered into a separation agreement and release, under which Mr. Bider's employment with Warner/Chappel Music, Inc. will end as of such date as either he or Warner Music Inc. may designate in writing to the other, which date shall be not less than 30 days after the date on which such notice is given. Mr. Bider has agreed to forfeit his option as of his employment end date.
- 2. Mr. Bider's option is scheduled to become vested and exercisable as to one-third of the shares subject thereto in four equal installments on September 29, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 provided that Mr. Bider remains employed with the Company on each such date. Mr. Bider's option is scheduled to become vested and exercisable as to the remaining two-thirds of the shares subject thereto in four equal installments on September 29, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 provided that Mr. Bider remains employed with the Company on each such date and subject to the achievement by the Company of certain performance targets.

/s/ Leslie E. Bider 05/11/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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