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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SAUNDERS DONALD E | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROTO-ROOTER INC [RRR] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable) X Director | | | | Issuer Owner | | | |
| (Last) 306 MIAN | (Fir MI TRAIL | st) (I | Middle) | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2003 | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | | Othe belo | er (specify w) | |
| (Street) OXFORD (City) | OF (Sta | | .5056 Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Lir | ne) X Forn Forn | , | | | | |
| | 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) | | Code (Instr. | | | | | osed (| Securiti Benefic | es Owr ally Forr | | ership n: Direct | '. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Amount (A | | (A) or (D) | Price | | Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Capital Stock | | | 05/19/2003 | A | | | 20 | 00(1) | A \$37. | | 7.33 | 2, | ,031 | | D | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 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) | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp | r osed) r. 3, 4 | Expiration D (Month/Day/ | | th/Day/Year) Expiration | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amou or Numb of Title Share: | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactie (Instr. 4) | s S Illy | 10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

1. award of unrestricted stock

Donald E. Saunders

02/04/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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