FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* J P MORGAN CHASE & CO | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NUCO2 INC /FL [NUCO] | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) (First) C/O J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS, L 1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICA FLOOR | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2003 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 1002 | | | | | | | | | | | | | Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deri 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran Date (Month | | | | | actior | n ear) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea | | Code (Instr. | | rities Acquir | ed (A) or | 5. Amoun | s F lly (i | i. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | , | | Code V | Amount | Amount (A) or (D) | | Reported | on(s) | ,, | (Instr. 4) |
| 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 Da if any (Month/Day/ | ate, Ti | ransaction ode (Instr. | | 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | С | ode | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share | | | | |
| Options (right to purchase) | \$7.25 | | | | | | | | (1) | 10/02/2009 | Common Stock | 6,000 | | 6,000 | I | see footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Options (right to purchase) | \$7.82 | | | | | | | | (3) | 01/01/2011 | Common Stock | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | I | see footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Warrants | \$6.65 | | | | | | | | (14) | 02/27/2009 | Common Stock | 335,10 | 1 | 665,403 | I | see footnote ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Warrants | \$6.65 | | | | | | | | (14) | 02/27/2009 | Common Stock | 330,30 | 12 | 665,403 | I | see footnote ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Convertible Preferred Stock ⁽⁶⁾ | \$9.28 ⁽⁵⁾ | 10/31/2003 | | | A | | 13,894 | | (7) | (7) | Common Stock | 708,60 | \$0 | 708,603 | I | see footnote ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Options (right to purchase) | \$8.69 | | | | | | | | (8) | 10/21/2012 | Common Stock | 6,000 |) | 6,000 | I | see footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Options (right to purchase) | \$4.85 | | | | | | | | (9) | 03/12/2013 | Common Stock | 6,000 | | 6,000 | I | see footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Warrants | \$8.79 | | | | | | | | 08/25/2003 | 08/25/2013 | Common Stock | 192,14 | 8 | 192,148 | I | see footnote ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Warrants | \$8.79 | | | | | | | | 08/25/2003 | 08/25/2013 | Common Stock | 33,79 | 5 | 33,795 | I | see footnote ⁽¹⁰⁾ |
| Warrants | \$8.79 | | | | | | | | 08/25/2003 | 08/25/2013 | Common Stock | 16,96 | 7 | 16,967 | I | see footnote ⁽¹¹⁾ |
| Warrants | \$8.79 | | | | | | | | 08/25/2003 | 08/25/2013 | Common Stock | 5,193 | | 5,193 | I | see footnote ⁽¹²⁾ |
| Warrants | \$8.79 | | | | | | | | 08/25/2003 | 08/25/2013 | Common Stock | 1,897 | | 1,897 | I | see footnote ⁽¹³⁾ |

- 1. One-third of the number of shares subject to the option were exercisable commencing October 20, 2000, one-third of the number of shares subject to the option were exercisable commencing October 20, 2001 and the final one-third of the number of shares subject to the option were exercisable commencing October 20, 2002.
- 2. The option was granted to Richard Waters, a limited partner of the JPMP Master Fund Manager, L.P., which is the general partner of J.P. Morgan Partners (BHCA), L.P. ("JPM BHCA") and a Managing Director of the general partner of JPMP Master Fund Manager, L.P. Mr. Waters is obligated to exercise the option at the request of, and to transfer any shares issued under the stock option to, JPM BHCA.
- 3. One-fifth of the number of shares subject to the option were exercisable commencing January 2, 2001, one-fifth of the number of shares subject to the option were exercisable commencing January 2, 2002, one-fifth of the number of shares subject to the option were exercisable commencing January 2, 2003, one-fifth of the number of shares subject to the option are exercisable commencing January 2, 2004 and the final one-fifth of the number of shares subject to the option are exercisable commencing January 2, 2005.
- 4. The amounts shown represent the beneficial ownership of the Issuer's equity securities by JPM BHCA, a portion of which may be deemed attributable to the Reporting Person because it is the sole stockholder of a) JPMP Capital Corporation, the general partner of JPMP Master Fund Manager, L.P. ("MF Manager") and b) Chatham Venture, Incorporated, the limited partner of JPM BHCA. The actual pro rata portion of such

beneficial ownership that may be attributable to the Reporting Person is not readily determinable because it is subject to several variables, including the internal rate of return and vesting of interest within JPM BHCA and MF Manager.

- 5. Pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of the warrants and the convertible preferred stock, the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants increased and the conversion price of the Convertible Preferred Stock decreased as the result of a private placement effected on August 22, 2002.
- 6. Dividends are payable in kind if not paid in cash.
- 7. The Convertible Preferred Stock is immediately exercisable. It has no expiration date.
- 8. One-third of the number of shares subject to the option are exercisable commencing October 21, 2003, one-third of the number of shares subject to the option are exercisable commencing October 21, 2004, and the final one-third of the number of shares subject to the option are exercisable commencing October 21, 2005.
- 9. One-third of the number of shares subject to the option were exercisable on March 12, 2003; one-third of the number of shares subject to the option are exercisable commencing March 12, 2004; and the final one-third of the number of shares subject to the option are exercisable commencing March 12, 2005.
- 10. The amounts shown represent the beneficial ownership of the Issuer's equity securities by J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors, L.P.
- 11. The amounts shown represent the beneficial ownership of the Issuer's equity securities by J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman), L.P.
- 12. The amounts shown represent the beneficial ownership of the Issuer's equity securities by J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors A, L.P.
- 13. The amounts shown represent the beneficial ownership of the Issuer's equity securities by J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) II, L.P.
- 14. The Warrants are immediately exercisable.

<u>Jeffrey C. Walker</u> <u>11/04/2003</u>

** 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 4 (b)(v).
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