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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>CHRISTMAS RICHARD CARLTON</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1015 A STREET</u> <u>P.O. BOX 2910</u> (Street) <u>TACOMA WA 98401</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/16/2004</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LABOR READY INC [LRW]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vice President</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common stock</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Matthew S. Topham, Attorney-in-Fact 02/24/2004

** 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 5 (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).

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Power of Attorney

1. Designation of Attorneys-in-Fact. The undersigned, hereby designates each of Richard B. Dodd and Matthew S. Topham, individuals with full power of substitution, as my attorney-in-fact to act for me and in my name, place and stead, and on my behalf in connection with the matters set forth in Item 2 below.

2. Powers of Attorney-in-Fact. Each attorney-in-fact, as fiduciary, shall have the authority to sign all such U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") reports, forms and other filings, specifically including but not limited to Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144, as such attorney-in-fact deems necessary or desirable in connection with the satisfaction of my reporting obligations under the rules and regulations of the SEC.

3. Effectiveness. This power of attorney shall become effective upon the execution of this document.

4. Duration. This power of attorney shall remain in effect until revoked by me. This power of attorney shall not be affected by disability of the principal.

5. Revocation. This power of attorney may be revoked in writing at any time by my giving written notice to the attorney-in-fact. If this power of attorney has been recorded, the written notice of revocation shall also be recorded.

Date: 2/23/04, 2004.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF PIERCE)

SIGNED OR ATTESTED before me on 2/23/04 by Richard Carlton Christmas.

Blair L. Anderson
Signature of Notary Public

Blair L. Anderson
(SEAL) Typed Name of Notary Public
Residing at: 4030 S. D. St. Tacoma
My commission expires 5/11/05