

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP AND SECURITIES

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person</p> <p>S. James Nelson, Jr.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>1518 Washington Ave., Unit A</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>Houston, TX 77007</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>6/27/97</p> <p>3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)</p>	<p>4. Issuer Name and Ticket or Trading Symbol NASDAQ</p> <p>Cal Dive International, Inc. - "CDIS"</p> <p>5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <p>Executive Vice-President</p>	<p>6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>7. Individual or Joint /Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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)
Common Stock	367,393	(D)	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, 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 of Derivative Security 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			
N/A							

Explanation of Responses:

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

\*\* 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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