FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SLM CORP [ SLM ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
LORD ALBERT L						DENT COLU								Х	Director		10% Owner		ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2011								X	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
12061 BLUEMONT WAY					ľ	01/2//2011									Vice Chairman & CEO					
(Street)					4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
RESTON VA 20190														X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
		Та	ble I -	Non-De	rivati	ve Se	curities	s Ac	cquire	ed, C	Disposed o	f, or B	enefic	ially	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transactic Date (Month/Day/				Execution		∍,			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			Beneficially Owned Following		ving	6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indi (I) (Instr. 4	ect Indire rect Benef Owne	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Ī	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	T	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr.	(Instr. 4)	
Restricted Stock Units				01/27/2011		L			A		150,000(1)	Α	\$0		150,000		D			
Restricted	d Stock Uni	ts		01/27/2011					A		51,299 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0		201,299		D			
Common Stock				01/28/2011					F		17,380	D	\$14.4	4	412,437.481		D			
Common Stock 01/29/2			2011	11			F		7,242	D	\$14.4	4	405,195.481		D					
Common Stock														22,658.5		I	By 4	01(k)		
Common Stock														2,100			I		By Immediate Family	
Common Stock														128,277.15		I	Thri	olemental ft & ngs Plan		
			Table								sposed of, s, convertil				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	onversion   Date   Execution Date,   Gode (Instr.   Securitie   Se		e s (A) sed str.	Expira			7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares		er		(Insti				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$14.62	01/27/2011			A		190,000		(	3)	01/27/2021	Common Stock	190,	000	\$0	19	90,000	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. One-third of these restricted stock units vest and are converted into common stock on the first, second and third anniversay of the grant date.
- 2. These restricted stock units represent a portion of the bonus amount for 2010. The units are restricted until conversion and are converted into common stock in one-third increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the grant date.
- 3. One-third of these options vest on the first, second and third anniversay of the grant date.

/s/ Carol R. Rakatansky (POA) /s/ Albert L. Lord

01/31/2011

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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