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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>FLAKS RICHARD</u> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC [ PLCE ]</u> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>VP, Planning &amp; Allocation</u> |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>12/05/2003</u>                            |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |
| <u>915 SECAUCUS ROAD</u>   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br><u>SECAUCUS NJ 07094</u>                             |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |

**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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |          | 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) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V        | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| <u>Employee Stock Options (right to buy)</u> | <u>\$25.625</u>  | <u>12/05/2003</u>                    |  | <u>A</u>                       | <u>V</u> | <u>25,000</u>  |     | <u>09/18/2004<sup>(1)</sup></u>                          | <u>12/05/2013</u> | <u>Common Stock</u>   | <u>25,000</u>                              | <u>\$25.625</u>  | <u>55,000<sup>(2)</sup></u>                               | <u>D</u>   |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Exercisable cumulatively at the rate of 20% on September 18, 2004 and 20% each year thereafter.
- 2. Consists of 0 employee stock options currently exercisable and 55,000 employee stock options exercisable over the next 5 years.

**Remarks:**

Richard Flaks 12/09/2003

\*\* 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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