

Stanfill John L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Stanfill John L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 1331 L STREET, NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/04/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP-Sales, Customer Service

(Street)
 WASHINGTON, DC 20005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/04/2012 | | F | | 15,470 D \$ 82.45 | 65,223 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/06/2012 | | M | | 15,000 A \$ 55.07 | 80,223 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/06/2012 | | S | | 34,530 D \$ 81.84 ⁽³⁾ | 45,693 ⁽⁴⁾ | D |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option to Acquire Common Stock | \$ 55.07 | 09/06/2012 | | M | 15,000 | <u>(5)</u> 09/03/2018 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stanfill John L C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC. 1331 L STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005 | | | Sr. VP-Sales, Customer Service | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Coleman,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/06/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 22,122 shares of Common Stock and 43,101 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock Grants.
- (2) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 37,122 shares of Common Stock and 43,101 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock Grants.
- (3) Average based on sales prices ranging from \$81.34 to \$82.56.

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- (4) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 2,592 shares of Common Stock and 43,101 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock Grants.
- (5) The option vested in three equal installments on September 4, 2009, September 4, 2010 and September 4, 2011.

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