

CARTERS INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Berkshire Partners LLC</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>200 CLARENDON STREET,Â 35TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02116</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>11/04/2010</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>CARTERS INC [CRI]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" 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 | 22,682 | D <u>(1)</u> | Â |
| Common Stock | 5,406,930 | I | See Footnote <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | 88,363 | D <u>(3)</u> | Â |
| Common Stock | 39,124 | D <u>(4)</u> | Â |
| Common Stock | 184,835 | D <u>(5)</u> | Â |
| Common Stock | 5,746 | D <u>(6)</u> | Â |

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

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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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Berkshire Partners LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Stockbridge Partners LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| BERKSHIRE FUND VII L P C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02108 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A L P C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Berkshire Investors IV LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Berkshire Investors III LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Stockbridge Fund, L.P. C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |

BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P.

C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

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Signatures

/s/ Michael C. Ascione, Managing Director Berkshire Partners
LLC

11/08/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners LLC ("Berkshire Partners").

Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners, Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC ("7BA") and Stockbridge Partners LLC ("Stockbridge Partners"). Berkshire Fund VII, L.P. ("Fund VII") owns 4,414,319 shares through a wholly owned subsidiary. Berkshire Fund VII-A, L.P. ("Fund VII-A") owns 825,301 shares through a wholly owned subsidiary. Stockbridge Partners holds 167,310 shares on behalf of a managed account. 7BA is the sole general partner of Fund VII and Fund VII-A. Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners are under common control and may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each of Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(3) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors IV LLC. Berkshire Investors IV LLC may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(4) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors III LLC. Berkshire Investors III LLC may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(5) Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Fund"). Stockbridge Associates LLC ("SA LLC") is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Fund. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Fund and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(6) Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Absolute"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Absolute. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Absolute and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 (Joint Filer Information) incorporated herein by reference.

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