

Richarz David K
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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 *
 Richarz David K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Seagate Technology plc [STX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY
 PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA
 BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President,Sales

(Street)
 CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Ordinary Shares | 02/13/2012 | | M | | 45,000 | A | \$ 3.345 |
| Ordinary Shares | 02/13/2012 | | S | | 45,000 | D | \$ 25.9351 |
| Ordinary Shares | 02/13/2012 | | S | | 5,521 | D | \$ 26.0366 |

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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 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 3.345 | 02/13/2012 | | M | 45,000 | 09/11/2010 ⁽²⁾ 03/06/2016 | Ordinary Shares | 45,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Richarz David K SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014 | | | Executive Vice President, Sales | |

Signatures

/s/ Roberta S Cohen for David K Richarz
02/15/2012
**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) Includes 767 shares purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan on January 31, 2012 at \$11.764 per share.
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Seagate Technology's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four and a half year vesting schedule. Subject to continuous employment, one quarter of the option shares vested on September 11, 2010. Following continuous employment, the remaining three quarters will vest proportionally monthly over the 36 months following September 11, 2010.

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