

McBride R. Perley
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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 *
McBride R. Perley

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LEAP WIRELESS
INTERNATIONAL INC [LEAP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

C/O LEAP WIRELESS
INTERNATIONAL, INC., 5887
COPLEY DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92111

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|
| Deferred Stock Unit | (1) | 12/10/2012 | | A | 100,000 | (2) 12/10/2017 | Common Stock | 10 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.76 | 12/10/2012 | | A | 195,000 | (3) 12/10/2022 | Common Stock | 19 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McBride R. Perley C/O LEAP WIRELESS INTERNATIONAL, INC. 5887 COPLEY DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92111 | | | EVP & CFO | |

Signatures

By: Kristopher L. Hanson, Attorney-in-Fact For: R. Perley McBride 12/12/2012

**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) Each deferred stock unit represents the right to receive one share of LEAP common stock or cash equal to the market value of a share of LEAP common stock, at the Company's option, upon vesting.

The units vest 25% on the second anniversary of the date of grant, 25% on the third anniversary of the date of grant and 50% on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, provided that the average of the closing prices of LEAP for the 30-calendar day period immediately preceding each vesting date is greater than the Fair Market Value (as defined in the 2004 Plan) of LEAP on the grant date. If the 30-day calendar average does not exceed the Fair Market Value on the vesting date, the units will remain unvested until the average of the closing prices of LEAP for any subsequent 30-calendar day period is greater than the Fair Market Value of LEAP on the grant date and any unvested units will expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The option vests in four equal installments on December 10, 2013, December 10, 2014, December 10, 2015 and December 10, 2016, respectively.

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