

VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC.
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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 *
 AYLWARD GEORGE R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President, CEO & Director

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC., 100 PEARL STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/15/2012

HARTFORD, CT 06103
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 03/15/2012 | | A | | 19,204 ₍₁₎ | A | \$ 0 122,505.695 D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 03/15/2012 | | A | | 2,438 ₍₂₎ | A | \$ 0 124,943.695 D |

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|--|------------|---|--------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 03/15/2012 | F | 9,172 (3) | D | \$ 115,771.695 82.03 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | 70.031 | I | By 401(k) |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu... Deriv... Secur... Bene... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AYLWARD GEORGE R C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. 100 PEARL STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103 | X | | President, CEO & Director | |

Signatures

/s/Mark S. Flynn,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/19/2012

**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) These shares comprise an award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the reporting person pursuant to the Company's 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan. Subject to acceleration in certain circumstances, the RSUs are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2014 and will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.
- (2) These shares comprise an award of RSUs granted to the reporting person. Subject to acceleration in certain circumstances, the RSUs are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2015 and will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.
- (3) Exempt disposition to the Issuer under Rule 16b-3(e) to satisfy tax withholding obligations arising out of the vesting of a RSU award.
- (4) This number includes (i) 916,176 shares acquired in connection with the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan; (ii) 34,680 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on April 20, 2012; (iii) 13,496 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2013 and (iv) 2,000 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2014. RSUs will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.

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