Whitmore Robert W
Form 4
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# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Whitmore Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/01/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Technical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/01/2012 | | M | | 10,000 | A | $ 11.065 | 63,704 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/01/2012 | | S | | 10,000 | D | $ 32.0032 | 53,704 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/01/2012 | | M | | 20,000 | A | $ 13.73 | 73,704 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/01/2012 | | S | | 20,000 | D | $ 31.9419 | 53,704 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/01/2012 | | M | | 50,000 | A | $ 24.63 | 103,704 | D | |

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| Ordinary Shares | 05/01/2012 | | S | 50,000 | D | $ 31.8738 | 53,704 | D |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/01/2012 | | M | 50,000 | A | $ 25.515 | 103,704 | D |
| Ordinary Share | 05/01/2012 | | S | 50,000 | D | $ 31.8755 | 53,704 | D |

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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| NQ Stock Options | $ 11.065 | 05/01/2012 | | M | | | 10,000 | 09/13/2011[(1)] | 09/13/2017 | Ordinary Shares | 10,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | $ 13.73 | 05/01/2012 | | M | | | 20,000 | 09/12/2009[(2)] | 09/12/2015 | Ordinary Shares | 20,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | $ 24.63 | 05/01/2012 | | M | | | 50,000 | 09/13/2008[(3)] | 09/13/2014 | Ordinary Shares | 50,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | $ 25.515 | 05/01/2012 | | M | | | 50,000 | 02/03/2007[(4)] | 02/03/2013 | Ordinary Shares | 50,000 |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Whitmore Robert W<br>SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC | | | EVP & Chief Technical Officer | |

10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

# Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W. Whitmore — 05/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person — Date

# Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**(1)** Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Share Option Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.

**(2)** Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 12, 2009. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 12, 2009.

**(3)** Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2008. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2008.

**(4)** Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on February 3, 2007. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following February 3, 2007.

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