

BENSON THOMAS J
Form 4
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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 *
BENSON THOMAS J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HELEN OF TROY LTD [HELE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1 HELEN OF TROY PLAZA

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President and CFO

(Street)
EL PASO, TX 79912

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/20/2010		A		26,833	A	\$ 21.21
Common Stock	12/20/2010		A		3,375	A	\$ 18
Common Stock	12/20/2010		S ⁽¹⁾		26,833	D	\$ 30
Common Stock	12/20/2010		S ⁽²⁾		3,375	D	\$ 30.01
Common Stock	12/20/2010		S ⁽³⁾		500	D	\$ 30

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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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.21	12/20/2010		M	26,833	08/22/2004 08/22/2013	Common Stock 26,833
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18	12/20/2010		M	3,375	11/25/2006 11/25/2015	Common Stock 3,375

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BENSON THOMAS J 1 HELEN OF TROY PLAZA EL PASO, TX 79912	Senior Vice President and CFO

Signatures

Vincent D. Carson as Attorney-In-Fact for Thomas J. Benson
 12/22/2010
 **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).

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- (1) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person in June 2009.
- (2) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person in June 2009.
- (3) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person in June 2009.

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