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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 *
Buer Gene P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP
[CMCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - Americas

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY

(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

AMHERST, NY 14228

(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					14,486 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2012		F	759 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 13.4	13,727 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2012		F	370 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 13.31	13,357 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					706.0524 ⁽³⁾	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
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.45					05/19/2009	05/18/2018	Common Stock	432
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81					10/20/2011	10/19/2018	Common Stock	10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.27					05/18/2010	05/17/2019	Common Stock	7,680
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.24					05/17/2011	05/16/2020	Common Stock	6,490
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.5					05/23/2012	05/22/2021	Common Stock	6,460

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buer Gene P 140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY AMHERST, NY 14228			VP - Americas	

Signatures

Gene P. Buer

05/21/2012

__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).

Includes 8,806 shares of restricted stock issued to reporting person subject to forfeiture in whole or part; 1,024 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 5/18/2013; 152 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/19/2012;

(1) 4,208 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/17/2013, and the remaining 3,422 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of 2,104 restricted stock units on 5/17/2012 and 1,025 restricted stock units on 5/18/2012.

(3) Reports shares allocated to account of reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (the "ESOP").

(4) Exercisable 25% per year for four years, beginning 5/19/09, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(5) Exercisable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 10/20/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(6) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(7) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/17/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(8) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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