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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|---|---|------------------|--|--|---|--|--|------|------------------|--|----------|---|--------|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------|
| (Street) NEW YO | | | 10022 (Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | | Tabl | le I - No | on-Deriv | ative | Sec | uritie | s Ac | quired | l, Di | sposed o | f, or B | enefic | ially | Owne | ed | | |
| Date | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Securitie Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (111511.4) |
| Common | Stock | | | 02/27/2 | 2012 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,768 | D | \$92. | 92.5531 47,375 D | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8,749 | I | By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee | |
| | | Та | able II - | | | | | | | | osed of, | | | | vned | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | e of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 4 titive Conversion Date Execution Date, if any | | | 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) Date Expiration | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Sale of shares (with proceeds delivered to the Company) for payment of tax liability incident to vesting of restricted stock awards under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

Remarks:

Joyce McCarthy by power of 02/29/2012 <u>attorney</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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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