

Flannery Matthew John
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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 *
Flannery Matthew John

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O UNITED RENTALS, INC., FIVE GREENWICH OFFICE PARK

 (Street)
GREENWICH, CT 06831

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITED RENTALS INC /DE [URI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EVP- Operations and Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2012 | | A | (1) | 6,364 \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2012 | | A | (2) | 4,052 \$ 41.25 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2012 | | F | (3) | 1,451 \$ 41.25 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$ 41.25 | 02/16/2012 | | A | 9,602 | ⁽⁴⁾ 02/16/2022 | Common Stock | 9,602 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Flannery Matthew John C/O UNITED RENTALS, INC. FIVE GREENWICH OFFICE PARK GREENWICH, CT 06831 | | | EVP- Operations and Sales | |

Signatures

/s/ Matthew J. Flannery 02/21/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- These shares comprise an award of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person. Subject to acceleration in certain circumstances,
- (1) one-third of the units are scheduled to vest on each of February 16, 2013, February 16, 2014 and February 16, 2015. Units are settled with shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.
 - (2) Represents shares delivered upon vesting of performance-based restricted stock units. Units are settled with shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
 - (3) Securities disposed of represent shares surrendered for tax purposes in connection with the vesting and settlement of performance-based restricted stock units.

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- (4) The option is exercisable in three installments. 3,201 of the option shares become exercisable on each of February 16, 2013 and February 16, 2015 and 3,200 of the option shares become exercisable on February 16, 2014.

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