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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAECKEL SCOTT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

/WA/ [STSA]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, 04/30/2013

L.P., 100 FEDERAL STREET,

35TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Amount Price (D)

Common Stock

04/30/2013

Code V 2,575

(2)2,575 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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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. P. Deri Sect (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	04/30/2013		M	2,575	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	2,575	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
JAECKEL SCOTT L C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P. 100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110	X					

Signatures

/s/ Scott L.
Jaeckel

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock. The restricted stock units are

 (1) scheduled to become 100% vested after the first anniversary date of the grant (April 30, 2013) subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company on such date.
- (2) Represents the vesting of 2,575 restricted stock units and subsequent issuance of 2,575 shares of common stock on April 30, 2013.

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