

Whitmore Robert W
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Whitmore Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY
 PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA
 BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Seagate Technology plc [STX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/14/2012

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 & Chief Technical Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------|---------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/14/2012 | | M | | 50,000 | A | | \$ 24.63 | 103,704 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/14/2012 | | S | | 50,000 | D | | \$ 31.7009 | 53,704 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/14/2012 | | M | | 40,000 | A | | \$ 4.045 | 93,704 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 05/14/2012 | | S | | 40,000 | D | | \$ 31.6791 | 53,704 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 24.63 | 05/14/2012 | | M | 50,000 | 09/13/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 09/13/2014 | Ordinary Shares | 50,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 4.045 | 05/14/2012 | | M | 40,000 | 01/12/2010 ⁽²⁾ 01/30/2016 | Ordinary Shares | 40,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Whitmore Robert W SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014 | | | EVP & Chief Technical Officer | |

Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W.
Whitmore

05/16/2012

**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).

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.

(1) One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2008. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2008.

(2) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on January 12, 2010. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36

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months following January 12, 2010.

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