MORTON DAVID H JR
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MORTON DAVID H JR

(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)
08/15/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP, FINANCE, TREASURER &PAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	08/15/2012		M		573	A	$ 11.065	21,380	D	
Ordinary Shares	08/15/2012		M		250	A	$ 13.73	21,630	D	
Ordinary Shares	08/15/2012		M		1,667	A	$ 3.345	23,297	D	
Ordinary Shares	08/15/2012		S(1)		2,490	D	$ 33.83	20,807	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
NQ Stock Options	$ 11.065	08/15/2012		M			573	09/13/2011[(2)]	09/13/2017	Ordinary Shares	573
NQ Stock Options	$ 13.73	08/15/2012		M			250	09/12/2009[(3)]	09/12/2015	Ordinary Shares	250
NQ Stock Options	$ 3.345	08/15/2012		M			1,667	09/11/2010[(4)]	03/06/2016	Ordinary Shares	1,667

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORTON DAVID H JR SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014			VP, FINANCE, TREASURER &PAO	

Signatures

/S/ Roberta S Cohen for David H. Morton Jr.	08/16/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Shares sold under a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.

(2) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Share Option Plan are subject to a four-year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.

(3) 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 September 12, 2009. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 12, 2009.

(4) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four and one half year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 11, 2010. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 11, 2010.

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