

Batista Joesley Mendonca
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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 *
 Batista Joesley Mendonca

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AV. BRIGADEIRO FERIA LIMA,
 2391, 2 ANDAR CONJUNTO 22,
 SALA 2

(Street)

SAO PAULO, D5 04152-000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PILGRIMS PRIDE CORP [PPC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/29/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/29/2012 | | X | 29,865,897 (1) (2) | A \$ 4.5 174,006,322 | I (3) | By JBS USA Holdings, Inc. (4) |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Subscription Rights (right to buy) | \$ 4.5 | 02/29/2012 | | X | 144,140,425 | 01/17/2012 | 02/29/2012 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Batista Joesley Mendonca AV. BRIGADEIRO FERIA LIMA, 2391 2 ANDAR CONJUNTO 22, SALA 2 SAO PAULO, D5 04152-000 | X | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Christopher Gaddis, by power of attorney

03/01/2012

__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) The reporting person exercised in full its basic subscription rights (each subscription right entitling it to purchase 0.2072 shares of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation ("PPC") common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at a subscription price equal to \$4.50 per share), issued pro rata to holders of PPC common stock on the January 17, 2012 record date for the rights offering, under the basic subscription privilege in the rights offering. The reporting person will acquire these shares of common stock when issued by PPC at the closing of the rights offering.

(2) Pursuant to the rights offering, the reporting person has exercised its over-subscription privilege in full and may acquire additional shares of PPC's common stock in the rights offering on a pro rata basis based on the number of shares each over-subscribing stockholder purchased under the basic subscription privilege to the extent any shares offered in the rights offering are not purchased by PPC's stockholders as part of the basic subscription as of the expiration of the rights offering. Any such additional shares (once determined) will be reported by the reporting person on a subsequent Form 4.

(3) As more particularly described in the Schedule 13D filed by JBS USA Holdings, Inc. ("JBS USA") and the other reporting persons identified therein (including the Reporting Owner listed above) (the "13D Reporting Persons") with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2012 (the "Schedule 13D"), the Reporting Owner listed above, together with the other 13D Reporting Persons, share beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation directly owned by JBS USA. The ownership of the Reporting Owner listed above is indirect.

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As more particularly described in the Schedule 13D, Joesley Mendonca Batista, together with the other members of the Batista Family, indirectly control JBS USA.

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