

Giesige Charles R
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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 *
 Giesige Charles R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP
 [CMCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON
 PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/19/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP Corporate Development

(Street)
 AMHERST, NY 14228

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,060 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2012 | | F | 37 ⁽¹⁾ | D \$ 13.43 | 9,023 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/21/2012 | | A | 4,722 ⁽²⁾ | A \$ 0 | 13,745 ⁽³⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 618.1748 ⁽⁴⁾ | | 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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.45 | | | | | 05/19/2009 | 05/18/2018 | Common Stock | 52,000 |
| Incentive Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.15 | | | | | 01/19/2010 | 07/31/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.27 | | | | | 05/18/2010 | 05/17/2019 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.24 | | | | | 05/17/2011 | 05/16/2020 | Common Stock | 6,200 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.5 | | | | | 05/23/2012 | 05/22/2021 | Common Stock | 5,700 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.43 | 05/21/2012 | | A | 9,470 | <u>(10)</u> | 05/20/2022 | Common Stock | 9,470 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Giesige Charles R 140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY AMHERST, NY 14228 | | | VP Corporate Development | |

Signatures

Charles R.
Giesige

05/22/2012

__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).

(1) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of 93 restricted stock units on 5/19/2012.

(2) Represents restricted stock units issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of July 26, 2010, subject to forfeiture in whole or part; units become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/21/2013, if reporting person remains a director of issuer.

(3) Includes 10,637 shares of restricted stock issued to reporting person subject to forfeiture in whole or part; 1,136 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 5/18/2013; 92 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 5/19/2013; 1,648 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/17/2013, 3,039 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, and the remaining 4,722 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/21/2013, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(4) Reports shares allocated to account of reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (the "ESOP").

(5) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/19/2009, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(6) All exercisable, subject to IRS limitations.

(7) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(8) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/17/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(9) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(10) Represents non-qualified stock options issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of July 26, 2010; options become exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/21/2013, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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