

Franich John Anthony
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FORM 4

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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 *
Franich John Anthony

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INC
[GVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
585 W. BEACH STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

WATSONVILLE, CA 95076

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2012 | | A | | 2,802 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 26.17 18,736.77 D |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2012 | | A | | 6,304 <u>(2)</u> | A | \$ 29.09 25,040.77 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 211 <u>(3)</u> I ESOP |

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Franich John Anthony 585 W. BEACH STREET WATSONVILLE, CA 95076 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Richard A. Watts, Attorney-in-fact, for John Anthony
 Franich 03/27/2012

**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) Stock units granted pursuant to the Granite Construction Incorporated Amended and Restated 1999 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The stock units vest 100% upon receipt.
- (2) Stock units granted pursuant to the Granite Construction Incorporated Amended and Restated 1999 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The stock units vest over a 3-year period, vesting 1/3 per year beginning one year from grant date.
- (3) Previously reported.

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