

Cornell Alison A  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Cornell Alison A		(Month/Day/Year)	COVANCE INC [CVD]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		05/08/2012		
210 CARNEGIE CENTER			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
PRINCETON,Â NJÂ 08540			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Corporate VP and CFO	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,763	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	02/18/2019	Common Stock	5,700	\$ 39.8	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	02/16/2020	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 56.93	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	02/16/2021	Common Stock	5,943	\$ 58.37	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	02/19/2022	Common Stock	5,977	\$ 48.16	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/23/2008	02/22/2016	Common Stock	1,700	\$ 56.18	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/22/2009	02/21/2017	Common Stock	1,700	\$ 62.65	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/21/2010	02/20/2018	Common Stock	2,132	\$ 81.4	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cornell Alison A 210 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Â	Â	Â Corporate VP and CFO	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Ross A. Hyams, Power of Attorney  
05/15/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The option vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting February 19, 2010.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting February 17, 2011.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting February 17, 2012.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting February 20, 2013.

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