

Richarz David K  
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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 \*  
 Richarz David K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Seagate Technology plc [STX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President,Sales

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
 PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
 BOULEVARD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/13/2012

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

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Ordinary Shares	02/13/2012		M		45,000	A	\$ 3.345
Ordinary Shares	02/13/2012		S		45,000	D	\$ 25.9351
Ordinary Shares	02/13/2012		S		5,521	D	\$ 26.0366

David  
 Kurt  
 Richarz  
 and  
 Kaycee  
 Lynn  
 Richarz

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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)
NQ Stock Options	\$ 3.345	02/13/2012		M	45,000	09/11/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/06/2016	Ordinary Shares 45,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Richarz David K SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014			Executive Vice President, Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Roberta S Cohen for David K Richarz 02/15/2012  
 \*\*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) Includes 767 shares purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan on January 31, 2012 at \$11.764 per share.
- (2) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Seagate Technology's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four and a half year vesting schedule. Subject to continuous employment, one quarter of the option shares vested on September 11, 2010. Following continuous employment, the remaining three quarters will vest proportionally monthly over the 36 months following September 11, 2010.
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