

Whitmore Robert W  
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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 \*  
Whitmore Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2012

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)  
EVP & Chief Technical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Ordinary Shares	05/01/2012		M		10,000 A \$ 11.065	63,704	D
Ordinary Shares	05/01/2012		S		10,000 D \$ 32.0032	53,704	D
Ordinary Shares	05/01/2012		M		20,000 A \$ 13.73	73,704	D
Ordinary Shares	05/01/2012		S		20,000 D \$ 31.9419	53,704	D
Ordinary Shares	05/01/2012		M		50,000 A \$ 24.63	103,704	D

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Ordinary Shares	05/01/2012	S	50,000	D	\$ 31.8738	53,704	D
Ordinary Shares	05/01/2012	M	50,000	A	\$ 25.515	103,704	D
Ordinary Share	05/01/2012	S	50,000	D	\$ 31.8755	53,704	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 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Options	\$ 11.065	05/01/2012		M	10,000	09/13/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/13/2017	Ordinary Shares	10,000
NQ Stock Options	\$ 13.73	05/01/2012		M	20,000	09/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/12/2015	Ordinary Shares	20,000
NQ Stock Options	\$ 24.63	05/01/2012		M	50,000	09/13/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/13/2014	Ordinary Shares	50,000
NQ Stock Options	\$ 25.515	05/01/2012		M	50,000	02/03/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/03/2013	Ordinary Shares	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whitmore Robert W SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC			EVP & Chief Technical Officer	

10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD  
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

## Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W.  
Whitmore

05/03/2012

\_\_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).

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Share Option Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One  
(1) quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.  
(2) One quarter of the option shares vested on September 12, 2009. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 12, 2009.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.  
(3) One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2008. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2008.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.  
(4) One quarter of the option shares vested on February 3, 2007. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following February 3, 2007.

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