

POTASHNER KENNETH F
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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 *
POTASHNER KENNETH F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWPORT CORP [NEWP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1791 DEERE AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2012

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

IRVINE, CA 92606
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
Common Stock	12/17/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	3,500 A	\$ 10.94 79,521	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	1,166 D	\$ 12.5528 78,355	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.94	12/17/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	3,500	⁽³⁾ 02/11/2013	Common Stock	3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POTASHNER KENNETH F 1791 DEERE AVENUE IRVINE, CA 92606		X		

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey B. Coyne, SVP & General Counsel, as attorney-in-fact for reporting person

12/19/2012

__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) Transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan established by reporting person on June 2, 2012.

Reflects the weighted-average sale price for an aggregate of 1,166 shares sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.46 to

(2) \$12.62 per share. Reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) Option vested in full on February 12, 2004.

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