

SHERIDAN WILLIAM S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SHERIDAN WILLIAM S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOTHEBYS [BID]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1334 YORK AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CFO

NEW YORK, NY 10021

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/13/2012		G		1,200	D	(2) 29,834
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M		17,500	A	\$ 22.11 (2) 47,334
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S		17,500	D	\$ 38.6193 (3) 29,834
Common Stock	03/15/2012		A		10,000 (1)	A	(2) 39,834
Common Stock	03/15/2012		F		4,607	D	(2) 35,227

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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
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 22.11	03/14/2012		M	17,500	02/09/2012	02/09/2020	Common Stock	17,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERIDAN WILLIAM S 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ William Sheridan 03/15/2012

\_\_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) Performance share units that have vested and are settled in common stock as a result of the fulfillment of all or partial pre-tax earnings target.
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.43 to \$38.78, inclusive

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(4) Granted under the Issuers 1997 Stock Option Plan

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