**CARTERS INC** 

Form 4

November 10, 2010

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Berkshire Partners LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

CARTERS INC [CRI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

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

Director Officer (give title \_X\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_ Other (specify

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH

(Street)

(First)

**FLOOR** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

11/08/2010

X Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly 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. Securitie orDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4 a	f (D) and 5)	uired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/08/2010		P	565,842 (1)	A	\$ 28.2684 (2)	6,615,136	I	See Footnotes (3) (9)
Common Stock	11/08/2010		P	7,742 (1)	A	\$ 28.2684 (2)	105,275	D (4)	
Common Stock	11/08/2010		P	7,170 (1)	A	\$ 28.2684 (2)	53,599	D (5)	
Common Stock	11/08/2010		P	18,670 (1)	A	\$ 28.2684	224,646	D (6)	

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Common Stock	11/08/2010	P	576 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 28.2684 (2)	6,944	D (7)
Common Stock						22,682	D (8)

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)

Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D	ate	7. Titl Amou	int of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	Secui
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	•				(A) or						Repo
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable Date	Title Number	Number			
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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Berkshire Partners LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X				
Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X				
Stockbridge Partners LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X				

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BERKSHIRE FUND VII L P C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02108	X
BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A L P C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116	X
Berkshire Investors IV LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116	X
Berkshire Investors III LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116	X
Stockbridge Associates LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116	X
Stockbridge Fund, L.P. C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116	X
Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P. C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116	X

## **Signatures**

/s/ Ross M. Jones, Managing Director Berkshire Partners LLC

11/10/2010

\*\*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).
- The number of securities reported represents an aggregate number of shares purchased in multiple open market transactions over a range **(1)** of sales prices.
- The price reported represents the weighted average price. Purchase prices range from \$27.86 to \$28.60 per share, inclusive. Each of the (2) Reporting Persons undertakes to provide the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares purchased by such Reporting Person at each separate price within the range.
  - Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners LLC ("Berkshire Partners"), Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC ("7BA") and Stockbridge Partners LLC ("Stockbridge Partners"). Berkshire Fund VII, L.P. ("Fund VII") acquired 461,339 shares through a wholly
- (3) owned subsidiary for a total ownership of 5,399,436 shares. Berkshire Fund VII-A, L.P. ("Fund VII-A") acquired 86,249 shares through a wholly owned subsidiary for a total ownership of 1,009,440 shares. Stockbridge Partners acquired 18,254 shares for a total ownership of 206,260 shares on behalf of a managed account.

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- Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors IV LLC. Berkshire Investors IV LLC may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors III LLC. Berkshire Investors III LLC may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Fund"). Stockbridge Associates LLC ("SA LLC") is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Fund. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Fund and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Absolute"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Absolute. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Absolute and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (8) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners.
- 7BA is the sole general partner of Fund VII and Fund VII-A. Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners are under common control and may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each of Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit 99.1 (Joint Filer Information) incorporated herein by reference.

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