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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

BOSTON, MA 02116

Stock

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)	(First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR		EET, 35TH	(Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2011	Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (special below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check	k		

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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DOSTOIN,	14171 02110			Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	ired, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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)	
Common Stock	05/03/2011		Code V P	Amount 59,800 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 29.1347 (1) (2)	(Instr. 3 and 4) 678,895	D (4)		
Common Stock	05/04/2011		P	16,300 (1)	A	\$ 29.3655 (1) (3)	695,195	D (4)		
Common Stock							6,672,205	I	See Footnotes (5) (6)	
Common							75 282	D (7)		

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Common Stock	105,275	D (8)
Common Stock	53,599	D (9)
Common Stock	6,944	D (10)
Common Stock	22,682	D (11)

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting owner runner reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
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				
		X				

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

Signatures

Ross M. Jones, Managing Director, Berkshire
Partners LLC
05/05/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 of purchase prices. The price reported represents the weighted average price. The applicable Reporting Person 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.

Date

(2) Purchase prices range from \$28.955 to \$29.20 per share, inclusive.

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- (3) Purchase prices range from \$29.360 to \$29.405 per share, inclusive.
- (4) 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 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") has a total ownership of 5,399,436 shares. Berkshire Fund VII-A, L.P. ("Fund VII-A") has a total ownership of 1,009,440 shares. Stockbridge Partners has a total ownership of 263,329 shares on behalf of a managed account.
- 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.
- Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund M, L.P. ("Stockbridge M"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge M.

 SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

 Stockbridge M 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 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 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
- (10) 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.
- (11) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners.

Remarks:

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

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