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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Chaves Ellie		(Month/Day/Year)	Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. [HCCI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2012	
C/O HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC., Â 2175 POINT BOULEVARD, SUITE 375			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)	(Check all applicable)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
	(give title below) (specify below)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
	VP Sales & Oil/CAO		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
ELGIN, Â IL Â 60123				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,935 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	Â <u>(2)</u>	03/17/2018	Common Stock	2,252	\$ 11.5	D	Â
Stock Options	Â <u>(3)</u>	03/25/2019	Common Stock	6,813	\$ 7.33	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Chaves Ellie C/O HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC. 2175 POINT BOULEVARD, SUITE 375 ELGIN, IL 60123	Â	Â	Â VP Sales & Oil/CAO	Â

Signatures

/s/ Heidi Steele, 01/11/2012
Attorney-In-Fact

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes 3,356 shares of unvested restricted stock.
- (2) Fully vested.
- (3) Stock options granted March 25, 2009, vesting 1/4 per year over four years.

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