

Whitmore Robert W
Form 4
January 20, 2012

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Whitmore Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA
BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Seagate Technology plc [STX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Technical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares	01/19/2012		M	38,057	(A) or (D) A \$ 4.045	91,761	D
Ordinary Shares	01/19/2012		S	38,057	(A) or (D) D \$ 19.95 (1)	53,704	D
Ordinary Shares	01/20/2012		M	11,943	(A) or (D) A \$ 4.045	65,647	D
Ordinary Shares	01/20/2012		S	11,943	(A) or (D) D \$ 19.95 (1)	53,704	D

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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
NQ Stock Options	\$ 4.045	01/19/2012		M	38,057	01/12/2010 ⁽²⁾ 01/30/2016	Ordinary Shares 38,057
NQ Stock Options	\$ 4.045	01/20/2012		M	11,943	01/12/2010 ⁽²⁾ 01/30/2016	Ordinary Shares 11,943

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Whitmore Robert W SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014	EVP & Chief Technical Officer

Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W.
Whitmore

01/20/2012

____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) Shares were sold under a 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 28, 2011.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.

(2) One quarter of the option shares vested on January 12, 2010. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following January 12, 2010.

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