

Whitmore Robert W
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
07/24/2012

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares	07/24/2012		J	(A) or (D) Amount (1) 10,500 Price \$ 0	64,204	D	
Ordinary Shares	07/24/2012		J	(A) or (D) Amount (2) 2,090 Price \$ 0	66,294	D	
Ordinary Shares	07/24/2012		J	(A) or (D) Amount (3) 4,000 Price \$ 0	70,294	D	
Ordinary Shares	07/24/2012		J	(A) or (D) Amount (4) 14,625 Price \$ 0	84,919	D	

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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

07/26/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) On July 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to 10,500 of the 42,000 Performance Shares granted to Mr. Whitmore on September 13, 2007. The 10,500 shares will vest on September 13, 2012 (or, in certain circumstances, at the opening of the next following trading window), subject to continuous service through such date.

(2) On July 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to 2,090 of the 8,360 Performance Shares granted to Mr. Whitmore on September 12, 2008. The 2,090 shares will vest on September 12, 2012 (or, in certain circumstances, at the opening of the next following trading window), subject to continuous service through such date.

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On July 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to 4,000 of the 16,000 Performance Shares granted to Mr. Whitmore on September 13, 2010. The 4,000 shares will vest on September 13, 2012 (or, in certain circumstances, at the opening of the next following trading window), subject to continuous service through such date.

- (4) On July 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to 14,625 of the 58,500 Performance Share Units granted to Mr. Whitmore on September 12, 2011. The 14,625 shares will vest on September 12, 2012 (or, in certain circumstances, at the opening of the next following trading window), subject to continuous service through such date.

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