

Wooten James H Jr
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Wooten James H Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC
 [ITW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/08/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP General Counsel & Secy

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS
 INC., 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE
 (Street)

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

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

GLENVIEW, IL 60026

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code V | Amount | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 13,000 | A | \$ 31.125 | 20,722 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2011 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 8,709 | D | \$ 46.46 | 12,013 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2011 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 1,519 | D | \$ 46.46 | 10,494 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,909 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | See Footnote |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 31.125 | 12/08/2011 | | M | 13,000 | 12/14/2002 | 12/14/2011 | Common Stock | 13 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 47.13 | | | | | 12/10/2005 | 12/10/2014 | Common Stock | 16 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 42.08 | | | | | 12/07/2006 | 02/01/2016 | Common Stock | 50 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 51.6 | | | | | 02/09/2008 | 02/09/2017 | Common Stock | 60 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 48.51 | | | | | 02/08/2009 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/08/2018 | Common Stock | 70 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 35.12 | | | | | 02/13/2010 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/13/2019 | Common Stock | 60 |
| Qualifying Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 16 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 43.64 | | | | | 02/12/2011 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/12/2020 | Common Stock | 64 |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 7 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 55.81 | | | | | 02/11/2012 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/11/2021 | Common Stock | 48 |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 6 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | Other |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | |
| Wooten James H Jr ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE GLENVIEW, IL 60026 | | | Sr VP General Counsel & Secy | |

Signatures

/s/James H. Wooten, Jr., Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary,
Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

12/12/2011

__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) Reflects the exercise of options under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Reflects the withholding by the issuer of shares having a fair market value equal to the exercise price of the option.
- (3) Reflects the withholding by the issuer of shares having a fair market value equal to the withholding taxes payable by the undersigned.
- (4) Shares of common stock allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan--Information reported as of December 8, 2011.
- (5) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (6) Each qualifying restricted stock unit (QRSU) and performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (7) Each QRSU and PRSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant if performance goals are met.

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