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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BADGER METER INC [BMI]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) NURTING	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2012				-1	(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP-International			
				endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NEUFFEN, 2M 72639									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-	Der	rivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any (Month/E	n Date, if	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	ion(A	. Securit A) or Di Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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	05/01/2012			Code V <u>J(1)</u>		,000	(D)	Price \$ 37.07	(Instr. 3 and 4) 14,060.616	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012			<u>J(1)</u>	1	,000	D	<u>(1)</u>	1,200	I	Restricted Stock

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

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$\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 24.94					05/04/2008	05/04/2017	BMI Common Stock	240	
Stock Options	\$ 52.81					05/02/2009	05/02/2018	BMI Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Options	\$ 38.69					05/01/2010	05/01/2019	BMI Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Options	\$ 38.41					05/07/2011	05/07/2020	BMI Common Stock	1,200	
Stock Options	\$ 36.59					05/06/2012	05/06/2021	BMI Common Stock	1,200	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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NURTINGER STR. 76 NEUFFEN, 2M 72639 **VP-International**

Signatures

Horst E. Gras	05/03/2012			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

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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 granted 5/1/09 pursuant to the Restricted Stock Plan as approved by shareholders, vested at the closing price of \$37.07/share on 5/1/12 and were transferred to direct ownership.

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