Seagate Technology plc Form 3 January 13, 2017 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31, **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: 2005 **SECURITIES** Estimated average burden hours per Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, response... 0.5 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Seagate Technology plc [STX] MURPHY JAMES J (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 10200 S. DEANZA (Check all applicable) BOULEVARD (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP, Sales & Marketing Person CUPERTINO, CAÂ 95014 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	Ownership	
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I)		(Instr. 5)	

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						(Instr. 5)	
NQ Stock Option Grant	12/20/2017 <u>(1)</u>	12/20/2023	Ordinary Shares	398,774	\$ 38.76	D	Â
Performance-Based Restricted Share Unit Grant	(2)	(2)	Ordinary Shares	83,850	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
L	Director	tor 10% Owner Officer		Other		
MURPHY JAMES J 10200 S. DEANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014	Â	Â	EVP, Sales & Marketing	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Suhani Akhare by Power of Attorney for James Murphy			01/12/2017			
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person			Date			

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- * 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).
- Consists of a grant of stock options awarded to the Reporting Person on December 20, 2016 under the Amended and Restated Seagate
 (1) Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan for no consideration. 25% of the award shall vest on December 20, 2017 and the remaining portion shall vest in equal monthly installments over the next three years ending on December 20, 2020.

Consists of a grant of performance-based restricted share units ("PSUs") awarded to the Reporting Person on December 20, 2016 under the Amended and Restated Seagate Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan for no consideration. Each PSU represents a contingent right to receive one Ordinary Share of the Issuer, provided however, no more than 25% of the PSU award shall vest on the first

(2) anniversary of the grant date and the remaining PSUs shall vest 25% each on December 20, 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively contingent upon (i) satisfaction of the performance criteria and (ii) the Reporting Person's continuous service with the Issuer through each such vesting date. If the performance criteria is not achieved, unvested PSUs from prior years may vest cumulatively and the performance period may continue for up to seven years. If the performance criteria is not met within seven years, any unvested shares are forfeited.

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