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## FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wells James |           |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LIFETIME BRANDS, INC [LCUT] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |  |
|---|-----------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First)   | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  | (Check all applicable)   |  |  |  |
| C/O LIFETIME BRANDS,<br>INC., 1000 STEWART AVENUE     |           |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/20/2013   | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP and Pres. of Kitchenware        |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |           |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |  |
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| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-                            | Derivative                               | Secui   | rities Acquir | red, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>ord Dispos<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | ed of ( |               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/20/2013                              |   | M                                      | 15,200                                   | A       | \$ 2.19       | 19,100   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/20/2013                              |   | S                                      | 15,200                                   | D       | \$<br>11.3544 | 3,900  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/21/2013                              |   | M                                      | 11,050                                   | A       | \$ 2.19       | 14,950   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/21/2013                              |   | S                                      | 11,050                                   | D       | \$<br>11.0873 | 3,900  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |  |         |               | 255,253  | I  | Spouse  |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration D<br>(Month/Day) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable         | Expiration<br>Date  | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares                                 |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option                         | \$ 2.19   | 03/20/2013                              |   | M                                      | 15,200   | <u>(1)</u>                  | 04/02/2019  | Common<br>Stock | 15,200  |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option                         | \$ 2.19   | 03/21/2013                              |   | M                                      | 11,050   | <u>(1)</u>                  | 04/02/2019  | Common<br>Stock | 11,050  |  |

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wells James C/O LIFETIME BRANDS, INC. 1000 STEWART AVENUE GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

EVP and Pres. of Kitchenware

#### **Signatures**

James Wells 03/22/2013

\*\*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) The stock options vest 25 percent over four years, commencing one year from 4/3/2009.
- (2) Field intentionally left blank in accordance with the instructions to Form 4.

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