

PALMISANO SAMUEL J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 PALMISANO SAMUEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/08/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board

IBM CORPORATION, ONE NEW ORCHARD ROAD

(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

ARMONK, NY 10504

(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2012		G	V 495 D \$ 0	286,155.1854	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		G	V 495 D \$ 0	285,660.1854	D	
Common Stock					706	I <sup>(1)</sup>	daughter
Common Stock					260,693	I <sup>(1)</sup>	spouse

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Phantom Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/08/2012		A <sup>(3)</sup>	286	<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	286	\$ 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PALMISANO SAMUEL J IBM CORPORATION ONE NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

D. Cummins on behalf of S. J. Palmisano  
05/09/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* 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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (4)

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Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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