Whitmore Robert W Form 4 September 12, 2012

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Whitmore Robert W

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Seagate Technology plc [STX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

EVP & Chief Technical Officer

10% Owner Other (specify

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SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA **BOULEVARD**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	and 5) (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
NQ Stock Options	\$ 29.87	09/10/2012		A		40,000		09/10/2013(1)	09/10/2019	Ordinary Shares	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Whitmore Robert W SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014

EVP & Chief Technical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Roberta S. Cohen by power of attorney

09/12/2012

**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).
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Seagate Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") are subject to a four (1) year vesting schedule. Subject to continuous employment, one quarter of the option shares will vest on September 10, 2013. The remaining option shares will vest in equal monthly installments over the 36 months following September 10, 2013.

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