

MASSARONI KENNETH M  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MASSARONI KENNETH M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Seagate Technology plc [STX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, General Counsel, CAO

(Street)  
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V Amount Price				
Ordinary Shares	09/14/2012		S	1,105	D	\$ 30.0018 (1)	36,554	D	
Ordinary Shares	09/17/2012		M	10,000	A	\$ 3.345	46,554	D	
Ordinary Shares	09/17/2012		M	10,000	A	\$ 13.73	56,554	D	
Ordinary Shares	09/17/2012		S	20,000	D	\$ 30.144 (2)	36,554	D	

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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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Options	\$ 3.345	09/17/2012		M	10,000	09/11/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/06/2016	Ordinary Shares	10,000
NQ Options	\$ 13.73	09/17/2012		M	10,000	09/12/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/12/2015	Ordinary Shares	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MASSARONI KENNETH M SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014			EVP, General Counsel, CAO	

## Signatures

/s/ Roberta S. Cohen by  
power-of-attorney

09/18/2012

\*\*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).

- Shares sold under a 10b5-1 Trading Plan pursuant to vesting provisions under the restricted stock unit awards issued on September 13, 2010.
- (1) 2010. Shares sold in part to pay tax liabilities resulting from the vesting of 2,550 restricted stock unit shares awarded on September 13, 2010.
  - (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at sales prices ranging from \$30.03 to \$30.30, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the

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range set forth in this footnote.

(3) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Seagate Technology 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four and a half year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 11, 2010. Following continuous employment, the remaining shares vest proportionally monthly over the 36 months following September 11, 2010.

(4) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Seagate Technology 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 12, 2009. Following continuous employment, the remaining shares vest proportionally monthly over the 36 months following September 12, 2009.

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