CORDANO MICHAEL D

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CORDANO MICHAEL D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WESTERN DIGITAL CORP [WDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

President, HGST Subsidiary

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

09/06/2012

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION, 3355

MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

IRVINE, CA 92612

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common Stock (1)

09/06/2012

Code V Amount (D) Α 40,009

\$0 62,978

D

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 orDerivative 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 Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.11	09/06/2012		A	94,335	09/06/2013(2)	09/06/2019	Common Stock	94,3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CORDANO MICHAEL D C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100 IRVINE, CA 92612

President, HGST Subsidiary

Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Garcia Attorney-in-Fact For: Michael D. Cordano 09/10/2012

**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) Represents the grant of restricted stock units to the reporting person. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) The option vests 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% at the end of each three-month period thereafter.

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