

Whitmore Robert W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Whitmore Robert W

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)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Technical Officer

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD

01/19/2012

(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

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(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 or Price (A) or (D)  |  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 01/19/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 38,057 A \$ 4.045   | 91,761   | D   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 01/19/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 38,057 D \$ 19.95 (1)   | 53,704   | D   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 01/20/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 11,943 A \$ 4.045   | 65,647   | D   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 01/20/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 11,943 D \$ 19.95 (1)   | 53,704   | 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 Stock Options                           | \$ 4.045   | 01/19/2012                           |  | M                              | 38,057  | 01/12/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/30/2016                     | Ordinary Shares   | 38,057                     |
| NQ Stock Options                           | \$ 4.045   | 01/20/2012                           |  | M                              | 11,943  | 01/12/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/30/2016                     | Ordinary Shares   | 11,943                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Whitmore Robert W<br>SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC<br>10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD<br>CUPERTINO, CA 95014 |               |           | EVP & Chief Technical Officer |       |

## Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W.  
Whitmore

01/20/2012

\_\_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) Shares were sold under a 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 28, 2011.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.

(2) One quarter of the option shares vested on January 12, 2010. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following January 12, 2010.

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