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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HINTZ ALAN SCOTT Issuer Symbol TORCHMARK CORP [TMK] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE 02/29/2012 **DRIVE**

10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify below) below) Officer of Principal Sub.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MCKINNEY, TX 75070

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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)	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		Code V M	Amount 3,750	(D)	Price \$ 42.4667	3,765	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		M	3,750	A	\$ 43.06	7,515	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		M	7,500	A	\$ 41.7867	15,015	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		M	3,750	A	\$ 15.6667	18,765	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		S	18,750	D	\$ 48.5985 (1) (2)	15	D	

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Common Stock	0	I	N/A
Torchmark Capital			
Trust	4,200	D	
Preferred	4,200	D	
Securities			
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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.4667	02/29/2012		M		3,750	12/12/2009	12/12/2013	Common Stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.06	02/29/2012		M		3,750	01/19/2008	01/19/2014	Common Stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.7867	02/29/2012		M		7,500	02/26/2011	02/26/2015	Common Stock	7,500
Employee Stock Option	\$ 15.6667	02/29/2012		M		3,750	02/26/2012	02/26/2016	Common Stock	3,750

(Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HINTZ ALAN SCOTT 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070

Officer of Principal Sub.

Signatures

Alan S. Hintz, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

03/01/2012

**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) Sales at prices ranging from \$48.53 per share to \$48.68 per share.
- (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.

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