

MELSEN GREGORY J  
 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 \*  
**MELSEN GREGORY J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**TECHNE CORP /MN/ [TECH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**614 MCKINLEY PLACE NE**  
  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/18/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**CEO**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2012		M	1,012 A \$ 49.43	1,438	D	
Common Stock					725	I	by Stock Bonus Plan

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 49.43	12/18/2012		M	1,012	07/27/2006	07/26/2013	Common Stock	1,012
Stock Option	\$ 70.9					11/30/2013	11/29/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 74.05					07/27/2012	07/26/2019	Common Stock	1,755
Stock Option	\$ 76.15					07/28/2011	07/27/2018	Common Stock	1,803
Stock Option	\$ 58.4					07/30/2010	07/29/2017	Common Stock	2,083
Stock Option	\$ 66.25					04/30/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/29/2017	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 62.46					07/24/2009	07/23/2016	Common Stock	203
Stock Option	\$ 79.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2015	Common Stock	596
Stock Option	\$ 56.83					07/27/2007	07/26/2014	Common Stock	783
Stock Option	\$ 39.53					12/17/2007	12/16/2014	Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MELSEN GREGORY J 614 MCKINLEY PLACE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413			CEO	

## Signatures

Gregory J.  
Melsen

12/19/2012

\_\_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) Vest 7,500 each 4/30/11, 4/30/12, 4/30/13, 4/30/14

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