SMITH SEAN T Form 4

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1(b).

(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 SMITH SEAN T Issuer Symbol PHOTRONICS INC [PLAB] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 15 SECOR ROAD 12/10/2010 below) Senior Vice President & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative S | Secur | ities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securiti cor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4) | ed of (| D) | 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 | 12/10/2010 | | X | 16,250 | A | \$ 0.76 | 91,306 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2010 | | S | 16,250 | D | \$ 6.8173 | 75,056 | D | |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | orDerivative | | Expiration D | Date Exercisable and apiration 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 Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 0.76 | 12/10/2010 | | X | | 16,250 | (2) | 11/10/2018 | Common Stock | 16,250 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH SEAN T 15 SECOR ROAD

Senior Vice President & CFO

BROOKFIELD, CT 06804

Signatures

/s/ Richelle E. Burr, attorney-in-fact for Sean T. Smith

12/14/2010

**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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$6.76 to \$6.875. The price reported above reflects the average sale (1) price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) The stock options vest 25% over 4 years on the anniversary date of the grant.

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