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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 \*  
Ells Steve

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC  
[CMG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & Co-CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 500  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/27/2012

DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/27/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		15,000	A	\$ 53.36 261,802
Common Stock	02/27/2012		D <sup>(1)</sup>		2,059	D	\$ 388.89 259,743
Common Stock	02/28/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,800	D	\$ 388.07 256,943
Common Stock	02/28/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		8,300	D	\$ 388.98 248,643

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Common Stock	02/28/2012	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	1,841	D	\$ <u>(4)</u>	246,802	D
Common Stock	02/28/2012	<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	A	\$ 103.79	256,802	D
Common Stock	02/28/2012	<u>D</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	2,648	D	\$ 391.96	254,154	D
Common Stock	02/29/2012	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	2,227	D	\$ <u>(5)</u>	251,927	D
Common Stock	02/29/2012	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	1,525	D	\$ <u>(6)</u>	250,402	D
Common Stock	02/29/2012	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	D	\$ <u>(7)</u>	247,402	D
Common Stock	02/29/2012	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	600	D	\$ <u>(8)</u>	246,802	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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
2009 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 53.36	02/27/2012		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	15,000	02/17/2012	02/17/2016	Common Stock
2010 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 103.79	02/28/2012		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	02/16/2012 <sup>(9)</sup>	02/16/2017	Common Stock



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(10) 37,500 of the 2011 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/11/2014.

(11) 37,500 of the 2012 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/06/2015.

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