

Sprague Brian  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sprague Brian

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2051 PALOMAR AIRPORT ROAD, SUITE 100  
(Street)

CARLSBAD, CA 92011

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MAXLINEAR INC [MXL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP & GM, Broadband & Consumer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 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 (D) Price   |  |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                  | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units      | (1)                          | 05/10/2012       | A          | 40,000  |      |   |     |     | (2)              | 05/20/2016      | Class A Common Stock<br>(par value \$0.0001) | 40,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.81                      | 05/10/2012       | A          | 80,000  |      |   |     |     | (3)              | 05/10/2019      | Class A Common Stock<br>(par value \$0.0001) | 80,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Sprague Brian<br>2051 PALOMAR AIRPORT ROAD<br>SUITE 100<br>CARLSBAD, CA 92011 |               |           | VP & GM, Broadband & Consumer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Kishore Seendripu, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/14/2012

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of MaxLinear, Inc. Class A Common Stock. Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, twenty five (25%) of the RSUs subject to the award shall vest on May 20, 2013, and an additional twenty five percent (25%) shall vest on each successive anniversary thereafter, such that the award shall be fully vested on May 20, 2016.
- (3) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, twenty five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on May 10, 2013, and an additional twenty five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on each successive anniversary thereafter, such that the option shall be fully vested and exercisable on May 10, 2016.

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