

MORTON DAVID H JR
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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 *
 MORTON DAVID H JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Seagate Technology plc [STX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY
 PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA
 BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 09/10/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, FINANCE, TREASURER & PAO

(Street)
 CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price			
Ordinary Shares	09/10/2012		A ⁽¹⁾	V	11,000	A	\$ 0 31,807	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Options	\$ 29.87	09/10/2012		A	10,500	09/10/2013 ⁽²⁾ 09/10/2019	Ordinary Shares	10,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
MORTON DAVID H JR SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014	Director 10% Owner Officer VP, FINANCE, TREASURER & PAO

Signatures

/s/ Roberta S Cohen by power of attorney
09/12/2012
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) Consists of a grant of restricted stock units awarded to the Reporting Person under the Seagate Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Seagate ordinary shares. Subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service with the Company, restricted stock units will vest in equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of September 10, 2012.
- (2) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. Subject to continuous employment, one quarter of the option shares will vest on September 10, 2013. The remaining option shares will vest in equal monthly installments over the 36 months following September 10, 2013.

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