

Coben Jerome L
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Coben Jerome L | | (Month/Day/Year) | AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP [AVD] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 09/12/2012 | |
| 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, SUITE 1200 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 1,148 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date | Expiration | Amount or | or Indirect |
| Exercisable | Date | Number of | (I) |
| | | Shares | (Instr. 5) |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

| | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
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Signatures

/s/ Jerome L.
 Coben (2) 09/17/2012

**Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
 These shares were awarded to reporting person concurrent with his appointment to issuer's board of directors on September 12, 2012 as per the compensatory arrangements for non-employee directors more fully described on page 30 of the issuer's proxy statement dated as of April 16, 2012.

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Remarks:

(2)Â TheÂ reportingÂ personÂ hasÂ executedÂ aÂ PowerÂ ofÂ AttorneyÂ datedÂ SeptemberÂ 12,Â 2012Â Â permittingÂ

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