

NICKL WOLFGANG U.
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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 *
NICKL WOLFGANG U.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WESTERN DIGITAL CORP
[WDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION, 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

IRVINE, CA 92612

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2012		M	26,257 A \$ 16.85	92,009	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2012		S	31,761 D \$ 41.8534	60,248 ⁽²⁾	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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.85	12/21/2012		M	26,257	02/04/2010 ⁽³⁾ 02/04/2016	Common Stock	26,257

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICKL WOLFGANG U. C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100 IRVINE, CA 92612			EVP & CFO	

Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Garcia Attorney-in-Fact For: Wolfgang U. Nickl
Date: 12/26/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents the weighted average sale price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from a low of

(1) \$41.82 to a high of \$41.91. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Includes 286 shares acquired under the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on November 30, 2012.

The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 2/4/2009, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period

(3) through 11/4/2012. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 2/4/2013.

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