

WINLAND ELECTRONICS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 DEPETRA THOMAS J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WINLAND ELECTRONICS INC
 [WEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 14433 ENCLAVE CT. NW
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/29/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | | P(1) | 1,387 | \$ 0.6167 | 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) | 8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3 | | | | | 05/11/2004 | 05/11/2009 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.11 | | | | | 05/10/2005 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 5,500 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.48 | | | | | 05/09/2006 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 5,500 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.28 | | | | | 05/08/2007 | 05/08/2017 | Common Stock | 5,500 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.74 | | | | | (2) | 05/06/2014 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DEPETRA THOMAS J 14433 ENCLAVE CT. NW PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas F. Steichen as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas J. de Petra pursuant to Power of Attorney previously filed.

12/29/2008

**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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(1) Purchase effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 30, 2008.

(2) Original option (50,000 shares) is exercisable in increments of 10,000 shares on each of May 6, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

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