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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP  
[CMCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
VP Hoist Products The Americas

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON  
PARKWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/23/2011

AMHERST, NY 14228

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

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock					11,064	D	
Common Stock	05/23/2011		A		3,422 (1)	A	\$ 0 14,486 (2) D
Common Stock					540.3879 (3)	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
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.45					05/19/2009 05/18/2018	Common Stock	43
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81					10/20/2011 10/19/2018	Common Stock	10,0
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.27					05/18/2010 05/17/2019	Common Stock	7,6
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.24					05/17/2011 05/16/2020	Common Stock	6,4
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.5	05/23/2011		A	6,460	<sup>(8)</sup> 05/22/2021	Common Stock	6,4

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY  
AMHERST, NY 14228

VP Hoist Products The Americas

## Signatures

Gene P. Buer

05/24/2011

\*\*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).

Represents restricted stock units issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of July 26, 2010, subject to forfeiture in whole or part; units become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains a director of issuer.

(1) Includes 11,935 shares of restricted stock issued to reporting person subject to forfeiture in whole or part; 2,049 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% for two years beginning 5/18/2012; 152 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/19/2012; 6,312 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 5/17/2012, and the remaining 3,422 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(3) Reports shares allocated to account of reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (the "ESOP").

(4) Exercisable 25% per year for four years, beginning 5/19/09, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(5) Exercisable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 10/20/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(6) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(7) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/17/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

Represents non-qualified stock options issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of July 26, 2010; options become exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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