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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 \*  
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY

(Street)

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

AMHERST, NY 14228

(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)	Price		
Common Stock					14,486 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2012		F	759 <sup>(2)</sup>	D \$ 13.4	13,727 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	05/18/2012		F	370 <sup>(2)</sup>	D \$ 13.31	13,357 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock					706.0524 <sup>(3)</sup>	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.45					05/19/2009	05/18/2018	Common Stock	432
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81					10/20/2011	10/19/2018	Common Stock	10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.27					05/18/2010	05/17/2019	Common Stock	7,680
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.24					05/17/2011	05/16/2020	Common Stock	6,490
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.5					05/23/2012	05/22/2021	Common Stock	6,460

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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AMHERST, NY 14228

VP -  
Americas

## Signatures

Gene P. Buer

05/21/2012

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Includes 8,806 shares of restricted stock issued to reporting person subject to forfeiture in whole or part; 1,024 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 5/18/2013; 152 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/19/2012;

(1) 4,208 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/17/2013, 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.

(2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of 2,104 restricted stock units on 5/17/2012 and 1,025 restricted stock units on 5/18/2012.

(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.

(8) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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