

WELSH JAMES K
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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 *
WELSH JAMES K

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & GM, Branded Products

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

(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

IRVINE, CA 92612

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M	7,439 A \$ 28.09	61,905	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M	18,072 A \$ 26.17	79,977	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M	5,077 A \$ 23.46	85,054	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M	10,665 A \$ 23.78	95,719	D	
	03/12/2012		M	18,002 A \$ 16.85	113,721	D	

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Common
Stock

Common Stock 03/12/2012 S 65,779 D \$ 39.9798 47,942 D
(1)

Common Stock 1,450 I by Spouse IRA

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	03/12/2012		M	18,002	02/04/2010 ⁽²⁾ 02/04/2016	Common Stock	18,002
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.46	03/12/2012		M	5,077	09/12/2008 ⁽³⁾ 09/12/2014	Common Stock	5,077
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.78	03/12/2012		M	10,665	09/11/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 09/11/2015	Common Stock	10,665
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.17	03/12/2012		M	18,072	09/08/2011 ⁽⁵⁾ 09/08/2017	Common Stock	18,072

buy)

Employee

Stock

Option	\$ 28.09	03/12/2012	M	7,439	02/06/2009 ⁽³⁾	02/06/2015	Common Stock	7,439
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(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELSH JAMES K C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100 IRVINE, CA 92612			EVP & GM, Branded Products	

Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Garcia Attorney-in-Fact For: James K.

Welsh

03/14/2012

__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) \$39.77 to a high of \$40.195. 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) 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 through 2/4/2012. 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.

(3) The option vested 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% at the end of each three-month period thereafter.

(4) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 9/11/2008, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 3/11/2012. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 9/11/2012.

(5) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 9/8/2010, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 3/8/2012. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 9/8/2014.

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