HINTZ ALAN SCOTT

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Preferred

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr HINTZ ALAN	*	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Sheek all applicable)			
3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2012	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Officer of Principal Sub.			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MCKINNEY,	ГХ 75070		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ 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

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		sed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/09/2012		M	3,750	A	\$ 30.8734	3,765	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2012		S	3,750	D	\$ 47.6768 (1) (2)	15	D	
Common Stock							0	I	N/A
Torchmark Capital Trust							4,200	D	

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Securities III

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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		(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 30.8734	05/09/2012		M		3,750	02/25/2012	02/25/2017	Common Stock	3,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HINTZ ALAN SCOTT 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070

Officer of Principal Sub.

Signatures

Buy)

Alan S. Hintz, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

05/09/2012

**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).
- (1) Sales at prices ranging from \$47.67 per share to \$47.68 per share.

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(2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.

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