

HOPKINS THOMAS E  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HOPKINS THOMAS E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

101 WEST PROSPECT AVENUE

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO [SHW]

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

12/06/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. VP-Human Resources

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/03/2012		G	V 794 D \$ 0	33,666	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		M	1,848 A \$ 54.09	35,514	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		M	1,581 A \$ 63.25	37,095	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		F	1,332 D \$ 149.96	35,763	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2012		G	V 375 D \$ 0	35,388 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

Common Stock 30,695.78 <sup>(2)</sup> I Stock Plan

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.09	12/06/2012		M	1,848	10/14/2011 10/13/2018	Common Stock	1,848	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 63.25	12/06/2012		M	1,581	10/15/2012 10/14/2019	Common Stock	1,581	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOPKINS THOMAS E 101 WEST PROSPECT AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115			Sr. VP-Human Resources	

## Signatures

Thomas E. Hopkins 12/10/2012  
Date

Signature of  
Reporting Person

## 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) Of shares listed, 18,090 are restricted.

- Represents the approximate number of shares of common stock for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the vote under The Sherwin-Williams Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan per the trustee's 9/30/12 statement. Shares of common stock are not directly allocated to the Plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock and a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.
- (2)

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