

MASSARONI KENNETH M  
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 \*  
MASSARONI KENNETH M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Seagate Technology plc [STX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY, 920  
DISC DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/13/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, General Counsel, Corp Sec

(Street)  
SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Restricted Stock Units	09/13/2010		A	(A) or (D) Amount 10,200 (1)	\$ 0 22,573	D	
Performance Stock Units	09/13/2010		A	(A) or (D) Amount 12,600 (2)	\$ 0 35,173	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)
Common Shares	\$ 11.065	09/13/2010		A	42,500	09/13/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/13/2017	Common Shares 42,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MASSARONI KENNETH M SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY 920 DISC DRIVE SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066			SVP, General Counsel, Corp Sec	

## Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Kenneth M. Massaroni  
Date: 09/15/2010

\*\*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) Consists of a grant of restricted stock units awarded to the Reporting Person under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan for no consideration. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Seagate common stock. Subject to the Reporting Person's Continuous Service with the Company, vested shares to be released to the reporting person on each of the first four anniversaries of the vesting commencement date of September 13, 2010.

(2) Consists of a grant of performance stock units awarded to the Reporting Person under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan for no consideration. Each performance stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Seagate common stock. The vesting for these awards issued under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan is subject to both continuous employment and specified performance goals. The Award Agreement provides that performance units will vest after the end of a performance period, currently contemplated to be three years, subject to both the continued employment of the participant by the Company and the achievement of certain performance objectives established by the Board of Directors and set forth in the Award Agreement. The Board of Directors presently intends that the performance goals will be a three-year average return on invested capital goal and a relative total shareholder return percentile goal.

(3) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four-year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares are vesting proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.

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