

Whitmore Robert W  
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 \*  
Whitmore Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
920 DISC DRIVE, ATTN: STOCK PLAN ADMINISTRATION  
(Street)

SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/27/2010

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)  
EVP, Chief Technical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (D) Price		
Ordinary Shares	07/27/2010		A		25,180 (1) \$ 0	D	
					52,680 (2)		

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)**

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whitmore Robert W 920 DISC DRIVE ATTN: STOCK PLAN ADMINISTRATION SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066			EVP, Chief Technical Officer	

## Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W. Whitmore 11/12/2010

\*\*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) On July 27, 2010, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer authorized and confirmed that the performance metrics were met with respect to 21,000 of the 42,000 Performance Shares (the "2007 Shares") granted to Mr. Whitmore on September 13, 2007 and reported on Mr. Whitmore's Form 4 dated September 17, 2007. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer authorized and confirmed the performance metrics were met with respect to 4,180 of the 8,360 Performance Shares (the "2008 Shares") granted to Mr. Whitmore on September 12, 2008 and reported on Mr. Whitmore's Form 4 dated September 16, 2008.
- (2) Excludes 44,440 Performance Unit Shares and 16,000 Performance Shares previously reported on Mr. Whitmore's Form 4 dated September 13, 2010 and 25,180 of the 2007 Shares and 2008 Shares previously reported on Mr. Whitmore's Form 4 dated September 17, 2007 and September 16, 2008. The vesting of such Performance Unit Shares and Performance Shares remains subject to the achievement of performance goals that are not tied to the market price of the Company's ordinary shares. Pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's interpretative guidance, these Performance Unit Shares and Performance Shares are not required to be reported on Mr. Whitmore's Section 16 filings until such performance goals have been achieved.

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