ADAMO VICTOR T Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A ADAMO V	•	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE			03/13/2012	X Officer (give title Other (spec below) below) President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne			

(City)	(State) (	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securit		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		(A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Ilisti. 5 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/13/2012		F	10,963 (1)	D	\$ 89.3	54,804	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2012		M	15,000 (2)	A	\$ 89.3	65,767	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acqu or D (D)	rities nired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>						<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	39
Restricted Share Units	\$ 0						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,50
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.28						09/01/2008(5)	09/01/2018	Common Stock	15,0
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.48	03/13/2012		M		15,000	09/10/2007(6)	09/10/2017	Common Stock	15,0

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ADAMO VICTOR T C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811	X		President			

### **Signatures**

Frank B. O'Neil as POA for the Reporting Person, Victor T. Adamo	03/15/2012	
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date	

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### **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) The 10,963 shares disposed of reflect 8,648 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 15,000 options on 3/13/12, and 2,315 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (2) Cashless exercise of options on 3/13/12
  - RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, are issued under the 2008 Equity Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs will vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability or for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If
- (3) a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for issuance under the 2008 Equity Plan. Value to be established upon vesting.
  - Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) representing a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, vested on February 26, 2012 after the reporting person remained continuously employed by
- (4) ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries for three years from date of grant. The RSUs will be settled in shares of ProAssurance Common Stock as valued on February 27, 2012, the first business day after vesting occured, and in cash, with the cash portion being approximately equal to the federal, state, and local taxes.
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 1, 2008
- (6) These options are fully vested, having vested in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007. This is the final exercise of options associated with this grant.

#### **Remarks:**

\$89.30 was the closing price of a share of ProAssurance Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on March 13, 2012 Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.