

Richarz David K  
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 \*  
Richarz David K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/10/2012

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)  
Executive Vice President,Sales

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year)          | (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| NQ Stock Options    | \$ 29.87                                 | 09/10/2012           | A               | 30,000  | 09/10/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/10/2019       |

| Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title           | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|      |   |     |     |                  |                 | Ordinary Shares | 30,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Richarz David K<br>SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC<br>10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD<br>CUPERTINO, CA 95014 |               |           | Executive Vice President, Sales |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Roberta S Cohen by power of attorney  
 09/12/2012  
 \*\*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).

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Seagate Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") are subject to a four (1) year vesting schedule. Subject to continuous employment, one quarter of the option shares will vest on September 10, 2013. The remaining option shares will vest in equal monthly installments over the 36 months following September 10, 2013.

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