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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZUCCONI PAUL J	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]			
(Last) (Flist) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
2801 MILL HAVEN DRIVE	08/21/2013	Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
PLANO, TX 75093		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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)	· /		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/21/2013		Code V	Amount 9,000	or (D)	Price \$ 30.3734	(Instr. 3 and 4) 32,074.2015 (1) (2)	D	
Common Stock	08/21/2013		M	9,000	A	\$ 42.9734	41,074.2015	D	
Common Stock	08/21/2013		S	13,220	D	\$ 69.8882	27,854.2015	D	
Common Stock							0	I	N/A

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.3734	08/21/2013		M	9,000	07/02/2004	01/04/2014	Common Stock	9,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.9734	08/21/2013		M	9,000	07/03/2007	01/03/2015	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ZUCCONI PAUL J 2801 MILL HAVEN DRIVE PLANO, TX 75093	X						

Signatures

Paul J. Zucconi, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

08/23/2013 Date

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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) Includes 86.18 additional dividend equivalent restricted stock units acquired since date of last report.

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(2) Includes 93 additional shares acquired in brokerage dividend reinvestment plan since date of last report.

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