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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Dietrick William M.

Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year) 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE

(Middle)

02/15/2013

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

Vice President of Marketing

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 8) (A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Employee Stock Common (1) 02/15/2023 Option \$47.08 02/15/2013 12,130 12,130 A Stock (Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dietrick William M. 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

Vice President of Marketing

Signatures

/s/ Julie M. Regnier, Attorney-in-Fact for William M.

Dietrick 02/19/2013

**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) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on February 15, 2014.

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