ALVAREZ IGNACIO

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ALVAREZ IGNACIO** Issuer Symbol POPULAR INC [BPOP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ _ Other (specify P O BOX 362708 02/22/2013 below) **EVP & GENERAL COUNSEL** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuritie	s Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acq Transaction(A) or Disposed of		•		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3, 4	and 5)		Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	((-1321)	
Common			Code V	Amount	(D) I	Price	(mstr. 5 and 1)		
Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	02/22/2013	02/22/2013	<u>J(1)</u>	10,284	A 5	\$ 0	50,507 (2) (3)	D	

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	oiration Date		t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
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	•				(A) or						Repo
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						Exercisable	Date	Title No	Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

ALVAREZ IGNACIO POBOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708

EVP & GENERAL COUNSEL

Signatures

Marie Reyes Rodriguez, Attorney-in-fact

02/25/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Issued pursuant to the Popular, Inc. 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan consistent with the requirements of the Interim Final Rule on TARP Standards for Compensation and Corporate Governance issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury in June 2009. The shares will vest

- (1) on the second anniversary of the grant date. In order to be transferable, the Corporation must have achieved profitability for at least one fiscal year. Once the profitability condition is obtained, the restricted stock will become transferable in 25% increments in accordance with each 25% of TARP financial assistance that is repaid by the Corporation.
- (2) Amount reflects 1-for-10 reverse stock split effective May 29, 2012.
- Includes 13,508 shares that were held by the Reporting Person and his deceased spouse as community property, and to which the Reporting Person has an undivided interest pending liquidation of the conjugal partnership and estate of the deceased spouse.

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