

HINTZ ALAN SCOTT
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HINTZ ALAN SCOTT

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE
 (Street)

MCKINNEY, TX 75070

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/09/2012

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)
 Officer of Principal Sub.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/09/2012		M	3,750 A \$ 30.8734	3,765	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2012		S	3,750 D \$ 47.6768 (1) (2)	15	D	
Common Stock					0	I	N/A
Torchmark Capital Trust Preferred					4,200	D	

Securities
III

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.8734	05/09/2012		M	3,750	02/25/2012 02/25/2017	Common Stock	3,750	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE
MCKINNEY, TX 75070

Officer of Principal Sub.

Signatures

Alan S. Hintz, By: /s/Carol A. McCoy,
Attorney-in-fact

05/09/2012

__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).

(1) Sales at prices ranging from \$47.67 per share to \$47.68 per share.

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- (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.

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