

Searles Michael M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Searles Michael M		(Month/Day/Year)	STAGE STORES INC [SSI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/12/2011	
10201 MAIN STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
HOUSTON, TX 77025			☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner ☒ Officer ☐ Other (give title below) (specify below) Pres., COO South Hill Division	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	40,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Searles Michael M 10201 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77025	^	^	^ Pres., COO South Hill Division	^

Signatures

/s/ R.E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for Michael M.
Searles

09/15/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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On September 12, 2011, the reporting person was granted 40,000 shares of restricted common stock. 20,000 shares will vest, on a
(1) three-year cliff basis, on September 12, 2014. The remaining 20,000 shares will vest 25% per year on the first four anniversary dates from the date of grant.

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