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FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

without par value

(Print or Type Responses)

STATE AUTOMOBILE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO			Symbol State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]						Issuer (Check all applicable)						
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction						(Check all application)					
518 E. BROAD STREET				(Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2012						Director Other (specify below) Other (specify below)					
(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					
	COLUMB								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - No	n-De	erivative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	y Owned			
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Dany (Month/Day	Date, if y/Year)	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	ciono (1	. Securities Ar Disposed of Instr. 3, 4 and	f (D)	ed (A)	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)			
	Common Shares	07/02/2012			J <u>(1)</u>	5	,170.566	D	\$ 0	25,264,803.42	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monun Day/ Year)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year) tive ties red sed 3,		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
STATE AUTOMOBILE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO								
518 E. BROAD STREET		X						
COLUMBUS, OH 43215								

Signatures

State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company by James A. Yano, Secretary

07/05/2012

**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) Transactions reflect stock bonus awards made by the reporting person to employees of Issuer.

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