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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gooding Valerie F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

(Zip)

XL GROUP PLC [XL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

ONE BERMUDIANA ROAD

05/11/2012

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

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

Person

HAMILTON, D0 HM 08

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Ordinary Shares	05/11/2012		A	6,782 (1)	A	\$0	6,782	D	
Ordinary Shares	05/11/2012		F	1,954 (2)	D	\$ 22.12	4,828	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 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 out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	erivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uired or oosed of tr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 22.12	05/11/2012		A	5,000	05/11/2012(3)	05/11/2022	Ordinary Shares	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.r. g	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
Gooding Valerie F ONE BERMUDIANA ROAD HAMILTON, D0 HM 08	X						

Signatures

John Kelly, Attorney in Fact for Valerie
Gooding

**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) Shares acquired represent the 2012 Director's Annual Stock award. Stock grant was immediately vested as of grant date.
- (2) Shares disposed of represent withholding to satisfy a tax obligation upon vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) The option award is fully vested and exercisable as of grant date.

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