**CARTERS INC** Form 4 April 30, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Berkshire Partners LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

CARTERS INC [CRI]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2012

Director \_X\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_ Other (specify Officer (give title below)

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH

(Street)

**FLOOR** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	on Date, if TransactiorDisposed of (D) Code (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)	` ,		
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S	186,561 (1)	D	\$ 55.726 (1) (2)	805,979	D (6)		
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S	18,643 (1)	D	\$ 55.726 (1) (2)	125,653	D (7)		
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S	1,638 (1)	D	\$ 55.726 (1) (2)	5,306	D (8)		
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S	19,170 (1)	D	\$ 55.726 (1) (2)	84,930	D (9)		
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S	74,670 (1)	D	\$ 55.726 (1) (2)	7,716,710	I	See Notes (10) (11)	

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Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	4,840 (1)	D	\$ 56.6121 (1) (3)	801,139	D (6)	
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	484 (1)	D	\$ 56.6121 (1) (3)	125,169	D (7)	
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	42 (1)	D	\$ 56.6121 (1) (3)	5,264	D (8)	
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	497 (1)	D	\$ 56.6121 (1) (3)	84,433	D (9)	
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,937 (1)	D	\$ 56.6121 (1) (3)	7,714,773	I	See Notes (11) (12)
Common Stock	04/27/2012	S	151,250 (1)	D	\$ 55.3539 (1) (4)	649,889	D (6)	
Common Stock	04/27/2012	S	15,716 (1)	D	\$ 55.3539 (1) (4)	109,453	D (7)	
Common Stock	04/27/2012	S	1,305 (1)	D	\$ 55.3539 (1) (4)	3,959	D (8)	
Common Stock	04/27/2012	S	15,571 (1)	D	\$ 55.3539 (1) (4)	68,862	D (9)	
Common Stock	04/27/2012	S	59,488 (1)	D	\$ 55.3539 (1) (4)	7,655,285	I	See Notes (11) (13)
Common Stock	04/30/2012	S	149,087 (1)	D	\$ 54.2987 (1) (5)	500,802	D (6)	
Common Stock	04/30/2012	S	15,359 (1)	D	\$ 54.2987 (1) (5)	94,094	D (7)	
Common Stock	04/30/2012	S	1,291 (1)	D	\$ 54.2987 (1) (5)	2,668	D (8)	
Common Stock	04/30/2012	S	15,345 (1)	D	\$ 54.2987 (1) (5)	53,517	D (9)	
Common Stock	04/30/2012	S	58,918 (1)	D	\$ 54.2987	7,596,367	I	See Notes (11)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Berkshire Partners LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X					
Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X					
Stockbridge Partners LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X					
BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A L.P. C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X					
		X					

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STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Fund, L.P.

C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Fund M, L.P.
200 CLARENDON STREET
35TH FLOOR
BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P.
C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR
BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Master Fund (OS), L.P. 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116

BERKSHIRE FUND VII L.P. C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02108

## **Signatures**

Sharlyn C. Heslam, Managing Director, Berkshire
Partners LLC
04/30/2012

\*\*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).

The number of securities reported represents an aggregate number of shares sold in multiple open market transactions over a range of purchase prices. The price reported represents the weighted average price. The applicable Reporting Person undertakes to provide the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares sold by such Reporting Person at each separate price within the range.

X

- (2) Sale prices range from \$55.40 to \$56.39 per share, inclusive.
- (3) Sale prices range from \$56.40 to \$56.77 per share, inclusive.
- (4) Sale prices range from \$55.00 to \$55.625 per share, inclusive.
- (5) Sale prices range from \$54.15 to \$54.92 per share, inclusive.

Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Fund"). Stockbridge Associates LLC ("SA LLC") is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Fund. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its

(6) pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Fund and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund M, L.P. ("Stockbridge M"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge M. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge M and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

- Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Absolute"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Absolute. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Absolute and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Master Fund (OS), L.P. ("Master Fund"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Master Fund. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

  Master Fund and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners LLC ("Berkshire Partners"), Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC ("7BA") and Stockbridge Partners LLC ("Stockbridge Partners"). Berkshire Fund VII, L.P. ("Fund VII") has a total ownership of 6,292,496 shares. Berkshire Fund VII-A, L.P. ("Fund VII-A") has a total ownership of 1,176,400 shares. Stockbridge Partners sold 74,670 shares for a total ownership of 247,814 shares on behalf of a managed account.
- (11) 7BA is the sole general partner of Fund VII and Fund VII-A. Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners are under common control and may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each of Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners. Fund VII has a total ownership of 6,292,496 (12) shares. Fund VII-A has a total ownership of 1,176,400 shares. Stockbridge Partners sold 1,937 shares for a total ownership of 245,877 shares on behalf of a managed account.
- Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners. Fund VII has a total ownership of 6,292,496 shares. Fund VII-A has a total ownership of 1,176,400 shares. Stockbridge Partners sold 59,488 shares for a total ownership of 186,389 shares on behalf of a managed account.
- Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners. Fund VII has a total ownership of 6,292,496 (14) shares. Fund VII-A has a total ownership of 1,176,400 shares. Stockbridge Partners sold 58,918 shares for a total ownership of 127,471 shares on behalf of a managed account.

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit 99.1 (Joint Filer Information) incorporated herein by reference.

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