

Chalhoub Joseph
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Chalhoub Joseph

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC., 2175 POINT BOULEVARD, SUITE 375

(Street)

ELGIN, IL 60123

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. [HCCI]

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

04/18/2012

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)

President & CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/18/2012		M		11,437	A	\$ 7.33
					1,269,322	I	

See Footnote (1)

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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.33	04/18/2012		M	11,437	03/25/2012 ⁽²⁾ 03/25/2019	Common Stock	11,437

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Chalhoub Joseph C/O HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC. 2175 POINT BOULEVARD, SUITE 375 ELGIN, IL 60123	X	X	President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Heidi J. Steele, as Attorney-in-Fact 04/19/2012

__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).

Consists of 2,000 shares held on behalf of Mr. Chalhoub's minor son and 1,237,783 shares held by J. Chalhoub Holding, Ltd. Joseph

(1) Chalhoub has voting control over all of the voting securities of J. Chalhoub Holdings, Ltd. Also includes the shares which are held in Breslube Industries Limited, of which the Reporting Person is the sole owner.

(2) The remaining options vest on March 25, 2013.

(3) Held by J. Chalhoub Holdings, Ltd. over which J. Chalhoub has voting and investment control.

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