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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 *
Whitmore Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA
BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Seagate Technology plc [STX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/02/2012

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)
EVP & Chief Technical Officer

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Ordinary Shares | 08/02/2012 | | M | | 30,000 | A | \$ 13.73 |
| Ordinary Shares | 08/02/2012 | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$ 11.065 |
| Ordinary Shares | 08/02/2012 | | M | | 275,000 | A | \$ 24.63 |
| Ordinary Shares | 08/02/2012 | | M | | 100,000 | A | \$ 4.045 |
| Ordinary Shares | 08/02/2012 | | M | | 75,000 | A | \$ 25.515 |

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Ordinary Shares 08/02/2012 S 490,000 D \$ 29.9004 84,919 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)

| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number of Shares |
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 13.73 | 08/02/2012 | | M | 30,000 | 09/12/2009 ⁽¹⁾ 09/12/2015 | Ordinary Shares 30,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 11.065 | 08/02/2012 | | M | 10,000 | 09/13/2011 ⁽²⁾ 09/13/2017 | Ordinary Shares 10,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 24.63 | 08/02/2012 | | M | 275,000 | 09/13/2008 ⁽³⁾ 09/13/2014 | Ordinary Shares 275,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 4.045 | 08/02/2012 | | M | 100,000 | 01/12/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/30/2016 | Ordinary Shares 100,000 |
| NQ Stock Options | \$ 25.515 | 08/02/2012 | | M | 75,000 | 02/03/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/03/2013 | Ordinary Shares 75,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Whitmore Robert W SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014 | | | EVP & Chief Technical Officer | |

Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W.
Whitmore

08/06/2012

__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).
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.
- (1) One quarter of the option shares vested on September 12, 2009. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 12, 2009.
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One
- (2) quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.
- (3) One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2008. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2008.
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.
- (4) One quarter of the option shares vested on January 12, 2010. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following January 12, 2010.
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.
- (5) One quarter of the option shares vested on February 3, 2007. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following February 3, 2007.

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