

Porrino Peter R  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Porrino Peter R

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 100 WASHINGTON BLVD  
 (Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 XL GROUP PLC [XL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/29/2012

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)  
 Chief Financial 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Ordinary Shares	08/29/2012		M		12,136 (1) \$ 0 (2)	D	
Ordinary Shares	08/29/2012		M		264 (3) \$ 0 (4)	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	08/29/2012		M	12,136	(5) (5)	Ordinary Shares	12,136
Dividend Equivalent Rights	(4)	08/29/2012		M	264	(4) (4)	Ordinary Shares	264

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Porrino Peter R 100 WASHINGTON BLVD STAMFORD, CT 06902			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Karen Kanjian, Attorney in Fact for Peter Porrino  
 08/30/2012  
 \*\*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).
- (1) Shares acquired upon the vesting on August 29, 2012 of a portion of the 2011 restricted stock unit award.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one XL ordinary share.
- (3) Shares acquired upon the vesting on August 29, 2012 of a portion of the dividend equivalent units accrued with respect to the 2011 restricted stock unit award.
- (4) Settlement of dividend equivalent rights in connection with vesting of restricted stock units. The rights accrued when and as dividends were paid on XL ordinary shares. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one XL ordinary share.
- (5) Restricted stock units granted on August 29, 2011 will vest in three equal annual installments on each anniversary of the grant date (August 29, 2012, 2013 and 2014), provided the reporting person's employment continues through such vesting dates.

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