

Swart Paul
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Swart Paul | | (Month/Day/Year) | TRIMAS CORP [TRS] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 09/17/2012 | |
| 39400 WOODWARD AVENUE, STE. 130 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | Chief Accounting Officer | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 1,065 ⁽¹⁾ | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 1,509 ⁽²⁾ | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 3,721 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 3,500 | D ⁽³⁾ | ^ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 02/01/2011 | 02/01/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000 ⁽⁴⁾ \$ 20 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 04/01/2017 | Common Stock | 2,000 ⁽⁵⁾ \$ 23 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Swart Paul 39400 WOODWARD AVENUE STE. 130 BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304 | Â | Â | Â | Chief Accounting Officer |

Signatures

/s/ Paula Reno
attorney-in-fact

09/25/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Restricted shares of common stock of the Company granted March 1, 2012 under the TriMas Corporation 2002 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, restrictions lapse on March 1, 2013.

(2) Restricted shares of common stock of the Company granted March 1, 2012 under the TriMas Corporation 2002 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, restrictions lapse in three equal installments on March 1, 2013, March 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015.

(3) By Paul Swart and Rachelle Swart, JTWROS.

(4) Option to purchase shares of common stock of the Company granted February 1, 2004 under the TriMas Corporation 2002 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, 80% of the shares subject to this Option vested in three equal annual installments on each of February 1, 2005, February 1, 2006 and February 1, 2007; the remaining 20% of the shares subject to this Option vested February 1, 2011.

(5) Option to purchase shares of common stock of the Company granted April 1, 2007 under the TriMas Corporation 2002 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, 80% of the shares subject to this Option vested in three equal annual installments on each of April 1, 2008, April 1, 2009 and April 1, 2010; the remaining 20% of the shares subject to this Option will vest April 1, 2014.

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