Whitmore Robert W Form 4 February 06, 2013

### FORM 4

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

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Whitmore Robert W | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | Seagate Technology plc [STX]                       | (Check all applicable)   |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                    |  |  |  |
| SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY<br>PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA<br>BOULEVARD     | (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/04/2013                     | Director 10% Owner Selfon Other (specify below) EVP & Chief Technical Officer                        |  |  |
| (Street)   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| CUPERTINO, CA 95014  | Filed(Month/Day/Year)                              | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |              |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                            | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or |              |   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |  |
| Ordinary<br>Shares                   | 02/04/2013                              |  | M   | Amount 5,000 | A | \$ 13.73   | 68,364   | D   |  |  |
| Ordinary<br>Shares                   | 02/04/2013                              |  | M   | 30,000       | A | \$ 4.045   | 98,364   | D   |  |  |
| Ordinary<br>Shares                   | 02/04/2013                              |  | M   | 5,000        | A | \$ 11.065  | 103,364  | D   |  |  |
| Ordinary<br>Shares                   | 02/04/2013                              |  | S   | 40,000       | D | \$ 33.8756 (1)   | 63,364   | D   |  |  |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 o<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                    |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Share |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Options                              | \$ 13.73  | 02/04/2013                              |   | M                                       | 5,000   | 09/12/2009(2)  | 09/12/2015         | Ordinary<br>Shares   | 5,000                              |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Options                              | \$ 4.045  | 02/04/2013                              |   | M                                       | 30,000  | 01/12/2010(3)  | 01/30/2016         | Ordinary<br>Shares   | 30,000                             |
| NQ<br>Stock<br>Options                              | \$ 11.065   | 02/04/2013                              |   | M                                       | 5,000   | 09/13/2011(4)  | 09/13/2017         | Ordinary<br>Shares   | 5,000                              |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Whitmore Robert W
SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC
10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVAR

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CUPERTINO, CA 95014

EVP & Chief Technical Officer

**Signatures** 

/s/ Roberta S. Cohen by power of attorney 02/06/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at sales prices ranging from \$33.86 to \$33.935, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.

  (2) 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 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule.

  (3) One quarter of the option shares vested on January 12, 2010. The remaining option shares vested proportionally each month over the 36 months following January 12, 2010.
- Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Share Option Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares vested proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.

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