

Whitmore Robert W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
 PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
 BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/19/2012

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Technical Officer

(Street)  
 CUPERTINO, CA 95014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Ordinary Shares	01/19/2012		M		38,057	A	\$ 4.045 91,761 D
Ordinary Shares	01/19/2012		S		38,057	D	\$ 19.95 53,704 D
Ordinary Shares	01/20/2012		M		11,943	A	\$ 4.045 65,647 D
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Options	\$ 4.045	01/19/2012		M	38,057	01/12/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/30/2016	Ordinary Shares	38,057
NQ Stock Options	\$ 4.045	01/20/2012		M	11,943	01/12/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/30/2016	Ordinary Shares	11,943

## 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

01/20/2012

\_\_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 were sold under a 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 28, 2011.

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 January 12, 2010. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following January 12, 2010.

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