

MORTON DAVID H JR  
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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 \*  
 MORTON DAVID H JR

(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)  
 04/25/2012

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)  
 VP, FINANCE, TREASURER & PAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                 | 04/25/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 30,000  | A  | \$ 24.63  | 65,215 | D |  |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 04/25/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 30,000  | D  | \$ 30 (1)   | 35,215 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| NQ Stock Options                           | \$ 24.63   | 04/25/2012                           |  | M                              | 30,000  | 09/13/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/13/2014                     | Ordinary Shares 30,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| MORTON DAVID H JR<br>SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC<br>10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD<br>CUPERTINO, CA 95014 |               |           | VP, FINANCE, TREASURER & PAO |       |

## Signatures

/S/ Roberta S Cohen for David H. Morton Jr. 04/27/2012

\_\_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 Trading Plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 8, 2011.
- (2) 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, 2008. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2008.

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