

KROGER CO  
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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 \*  
LAMACCHIA JOHN T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE KROGER CO.,, 1014  
VINE STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
KROGER CO [KR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/31/2013

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)

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					80,881	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)**

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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	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
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/31/2013		A	630.1462	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	630.1462
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/30/2013		A	559.034	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	559.034
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/30/2013		A	544.3541	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	544.3541
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2013		A	530.0324	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	530.0324

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAMACCHIA JOHN T C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202		X		

## Signatures

/s/ John T. LaMacchia, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact 01/02/2014

\*\*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) Each phantom share represents the right to receive in cash the value of one share of common stock upon distribution from the deferred compensation account.
- (2) The Reporting Person retired from the Kroger board of directors effective December 12, 2013. The value of the shares of phantom stock will be paid out as soon as reasonably practicable following the date of retirement.

### Remarks:

Due to an inadvertent accounting error made by the Company, the phantom shares acquired by the Reporting Person on 3/31/2013

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