

Wierdsma Thomas M
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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 *
 Wierdsma Thomas M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE
 700, 621 NW 53RD STREET

(Street)

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GEO GROUP INC [GEO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

SVP - Project Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | | S | (A) or (D) 4,339 (1) | \$ 29.12 | 10,185 (2) | D |
| Restricted Stock | | | | | | 30,528 (3) | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 120 (4) | I By self as custodian for B. Wierdsma |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 120 (4) | I By self as custodian for Oliver |

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|--------------|--|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | | | | 120 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | Thomas Adams By self as custodian for Lauren Diane Wierdsma |
| Common Stock | | | | | 120 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | By Self as custodian for Robert Oliver Weirdsman |

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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.07 | | | | | 10/28/2009 10/28/2019 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.61 | | | | | 03/01/2011 03/01/2021 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Wierdsma Thomas M ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE 700 | SVP - Project Development |

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Signatures

/s/ Thomas M. Wierdsma By: John J. Bulfin as
Attorney-in-Fact

01/03/2013

__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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These shares were sold by the reporting person to The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO") under GEO's stock repurchase program at the closing price of GEO's common stock on December 12, 2012, the record date for GEO's special dividend described in footnote (2) below. The sale was approved by GEO's Audit and Finance Committee. The reporting person used all or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the securities to finance the reporting person's equity participation in GEO Care Holdings LLC, an entity formed by members of GEO and GEO Care, Inc.'s management teams (the "MBO Group"), in connection with the previously announced acquisition by the MBO Group of certain health care facility management contracts (the "GEO Care Business") from GEO. The sale of the GEO Care Business closed on December 31, 2012.

- (1)

The amount of shares reflects the prior vesting of 3,000 shares of restricted stock. Additionally, on December 6, 2012, the Board of Directors of GEO declared a special dividend of \$5.68 per share of common stock, representing approximately \$350 million of accumulated earnings and profits, which was paid on December 31, 2012 to shareholders of record as of December 12, 2012. As a result, the reporting person received 1,701 shares of GEO common stock pursuant to the special dividend.

- (2)

The amount of shares has been adjusted to reflect the prior vesting of 3,000 shares of restricted stock. Additionally, as a result of the special dividend described in footnote (2) above, the reporting person received 4,028 shares of GEO common stock pursuant to the special dividend.

- (3)

As a result of the special dividend described in footnote (2) above, the reporting person received 20 shares of GEO common stock pursuant to the special dividend.

- (4)

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