

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 * Nelson Ronald E.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO [COLM]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last) C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY, 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2012					
(Street) PORTLAND, OR 97229			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	06/07/2012		A	1,076	06/07/2013 ⁽¹⁾	06/06/2022 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	\$ 0	1,076	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.04	06/07/2012		A	3,853	06/07/2013 ⁽³⁾	06/06/2022	Common Stock	\$ 49.04	3,853	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.04	06/07/2012		A	1,213 ⁽⁴⁾	06/07/2013 ⁽⁵⁾	06/06/2022	Common Stock	\$ 49.04	1,213	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	06/07/2012		A	312 ⁽⁶⁾	06/07/2013 ⁽⁷⁾	06/06/2022 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	\$ 0	312	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Ronald E. C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE PORTLAND, OR 97229	X			

Signatures

Peter J. Bragdon, Attorney-in-Fact	06/11/2012
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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).

Restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable indicated. One share of Common Stock will be automatically delivered to the reporting person for each restricted stock unit that vests. If a vesting date falls on a weekend or any other day on which the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NSM") or any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock then is principally traded (the "Exchange") is not open, affected RSUs shall vest on the next following NSM or Exchange business day, as the case may be.

(2) N/A

(3) Options become exercisable for one-third of the shares on the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

(4) Option grant received in lieu of 25% of cash director's fee.

(5) Options become 100% exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(6) Restricted stock units received in lieu of 25% of cash director's fee.

Restricted stock units vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the anniversary of the grant date. If a vesting date falls on a weekend or any other day on which the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NSM") or any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock then is principally traded (the "Exchange") is not open, affected RSUs shall vest on the next following NSM or Exchange business day, as the case may be.

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