

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nelson Ronald E. | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2011 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO [COLM] | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY, 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE | (Street) PORTLAND, OR 97229 | | 4. 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) | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | 5. 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 | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 300 | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

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

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| Ronald E. Nelson | | 05/27/2011 |
| <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 5(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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Timothy P. Boyle, Peter J. Bragdon, Thomas B. Cusick and Bryan L. Timm, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Columbia Sportswear (the Company), Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 or 5 or Form ID and timely file such forms (including amendments thereto) and
3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the undersigned shall be bound by the actions of such attorney-in-fact.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers hereinbefore conferred upon such attorney-in-fact.

The undersigned acknowledges, and agrees to abide by, the Company's policies and to furnish such information, either orally or in writing, as necessary to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which may be applicable to the undersigned.

This Power of Attorney supersedes any power of attorney previously executed by the undersigned regarding the purposes outlined in the first paragraph hereof (Prior Powers of Attorney), and the authority of the attorneys-in-fact named herein.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless otherwise indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of April, 2011.

Signature: /s/ Ronald E. Nelson

Name: Ronald E. Nelson