

Burmeister Norman William
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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 *
 Burmeister Norman William

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD [REE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 225 UNION BLVD., SUITE 250
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2012

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

LAKESWOOD, CO 80228

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | |
| Common Shares | 12/20/2012 | | M | 150,000 | A | \$ 0.59 | 391,231 D |
| Common Shares | 12/20/2012 | | F | 24,376 | D | \$ 3.61 | 366,855 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|---------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
| Common Shares | \$ 0.59 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/20/2012 | | M | 150,000 | ⁽²⁾ | 04/13/2014 | Common Shares | 150,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.61 | 12/20/2012 | | A | 10,000 | ⁽³⁾ | 12/20/2017 | Common Shares | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Burmeister Norman William 225 UNION BLVD. SUITE 250 LAKEWOOD, CO 80228 | | X | | |

Signatures

Ashlie Thorburn, Attorney-in-Fact for Norman Burmeister 12/21/2012

**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) The exercise price of this stock option grant was \$CDN 0.58. However, the price is expressed as \$USD 0.59, using the conversion rate: \$CDN 1.01146 to \$USD 1.00 on December 20, 2012.
- (2) This Stock Option Grant vested pursuant to the terms of the grant and became fully exercisable on October 13, 2010.
- (3) The option vests as follows: 20% on 04/20/2013; 20% on 08/20/2013; 20% on 12/20/2013; 20% on 03/20/2014 and 20% on 06/20/2014.

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