

Richarz David K  
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 \*  
Richarz David K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Seagate Technology plc [STX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President, Sales

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/09/2011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(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 (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 11/09/2011                           |  | S                              | 1,990 D \$ 17.1533  | 9,110 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | David Kurt Richarz and Kaycee Lynn Richarz            |
| Ordinary Shares                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 17,254.4967   | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Richarz David K<br>SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC<br>10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD<br>CUPERTINO, CA 95014 |               |           | Executive Vice President, Sales |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Roberta S Cohen for David K  
Richarz 11/14/2011

\_\_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).
- On July 8, 2011, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer authorized and confirmed that the performance metrics were met with respect to 2,500 of the 10,000 Performance Shares granted to Mr. Richarz on September 12, 2008 and reported on (1) Mr. Richarz's Form 4 dated September 16, 2008. Further the Compensation Committee also confirmed and authorized that the performance metrics were met with respect to 3,600 of the 14,400 Performance Shares granted on September 13, 2010 and reported on September 15, 2010.

### Remarks:

Shares sold to cover taxes due on release of Performance Shares.

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