

Baker Smith Cindy
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Baker Smith Cindy | | (Month/Day/Year) | AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP [AVD] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 09/13/2012 | |
| 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, SUITE 1200 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | Senior VP & Director - AMVAC | <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 | 3,000 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 9,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Baker Smith Cindy 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, SUITE 1200 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | | | Senior VP & Director - AMVAC | |

Signatures

/s/ Cindy Baker Smith 09/26/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- (1) These shares constitute a tranche of restricted stock that was awarded to reporting person pursuant to the terms of a Restricted Stock Agreement dated September 1, 2012 under which the award vests in its entirety ninety (90) days after commencement of employment and is subject to forfeiture in the event that reporting person is not employed continuously through such vesting date.
- (2) These shares constitute a tranche of restricted stock that was awarded to reporting person pursuant to the terms of a Restricted Stock Agreement dated September 1, 2012 under which the award vests in its entirety three (3) years after commencement of employment and is subject to forfeiture in the vent that reporting person is not employed continuously through such vesting date.

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Remarks:

On 9/13/2012, reporting person was appointed an executive officer of issuer.

The reporting person has executed a Power of Attorney dated September 7, 2012 permitting execution

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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