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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Ozima Wesley (Last) (First) (Middle)	**AUTOBYTEL INC [ABTL]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner __ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
AUTOBYTEL INC., 18872 MACARTHUR BLVD., SUITE 200 (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **1/10/2012**	**VP & Controller**
IRVINE, CA 92612 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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			

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	**$0.78**	**1/10/2012**		**A**		**39263**		(1)	**1/10/2019**	**Common Stock**	**39263**	**$ 0**	**39263**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Grant to reporting person of options to buy shares of common stock in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. Options have two vesting criteria: (i) percentage achievement of Company performance goals based on 2012 revenues and EBITDA; and (ii) subject to achievement of Company performance goals, time-based vesting, with 1/3rd of options vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date and 1/36 of options vesting at the end of each successive monthly anniversary thereafter for the following 24 months ending on the third anniversary of the grant date.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ozima Wesley **AUTOBYTEL INC.** **18872 MACARTHUR BLVD., SUITE 200** **IRVINE, CA 92612**			**VP & Controller**	

Signatures

/s/ Glenn E. Fuller as Attorney-in-Fact for Reporting Person	**1/11/2012**
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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