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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)
Whitmore Robert W (Last) (First) (Middle)	**Seagate Technology plc [STX]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner __ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **1/12/2012**	**EVP & Chief Technical Officer**
CUPERTINO, CA 95014 (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			
Ordinary Shares	**1/12/2012**		**M**		**50000**	**A**	**$4.045**	**103704**	**D**	
Ordinary Shares	**1/12/2012**		**S**		**50000**	**D**	**$18.95** (1)	**53704**	**D**	

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				
NQ Stock Options	**$4.045**	**1/12/2012**		**M**			**50000**	**1/12/2010** (2)	**1/30/2016**	**Ordinary Shares**	**50000**	**$ 0**	**500000**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Shares were sold under a 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 28, 2011.

(2) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on January 12, 2010. The remaining option shares vested proportionally each month over the 36 months following January 12, 2010.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whitmore Robert W **SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC**				

10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD **CUPERTINO, CA 95014**			**EVP & Chief Technical Officer**	

Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W. Whitmore	**1/13/2012**
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

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