

HOUSEMAN ERIC  
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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 \*  
HOUSEMAN ERIC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC [RRGB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN  
CIRCLE, SUITE 200N  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

GREENWOOD  
VILLAGE, CO 80111

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/09/2012		M		12,000	A	\$ 14.98
Common Stock	03/09/2012		M		3,000	A	\$ 14.93
Common Stock	03/09/2012		S		15,000	D	\$ 35.055
							41,583 <sup>(2)</sup>
							<u>(1)</u>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.98	03/09/2012		M	12,000	01/31/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/29/2013	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.93	03/09/2012		M	3,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/24/2019	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOUSEMAN ERIC 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111			President and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Annita M. Menogan,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/12/2012

\*\*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).

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The price reported is a weighted average price. The shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$35.00 to \$35.18, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

- (2) Includes 13,116 restricted stock units and 1,500 shares of restricted stock that are subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.
- (3) The option is fully vested.

- The option exercised is a portion of the grant to the reporting person made on 2/24/2009 under the issuer's Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan. 25% of the option vested on 2/24/2010, and thereafter 75% of the option vests in 36 substantially equal monthly installments, with the first installment vesting on 3/24/2010 and an additional installment vesting on the same day of each of the 35 months thereafter. As of March 9, 2012, 12,000 shares of common stock underlying the option had vested.
- (4)

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