

Richarz David K  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/24/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 or Price		
Ordinary Shares	07/24/2012		J		2,500 (1)	A	\$ 0 2,500 D
Ordinary Shares	07/24/2012		J		3,600 (2)	A	\$ 0 6,100 D
Ordinary Shares	07/24/2012		J		14,625 (3)	A	\$ 0 20,725 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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Roberta S Cohen for David K  
Richarz  
07/26/2012  
\*\*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).
- (1) On July 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to 2,500 of the 10,000 Performance Shares granted to Mr. Richarz on September 12, 2008. The 2,500 shares will vest on September 12, 2012 (or, in certain circumstances, at the opening of the next following trading window), subject to continuous service through such date.
- (2) On July 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to 3,600 of the 14,400 Performance Shares granted to Mr. Richarz on September 13, 2010. The 3,600 shares will vest on September 13, 2012 (or, in certain circumstances, at the opening of the next following trading window), subject to continuous service through such date.
- (3) On July 24, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to 14,625 of the 58,500 Performance Share Units granted to Mr. Richarz on September 12, 2011. The 14,625 shares will vest on September 12, 2012 (or, in certain circumstances, at the opening of the next following trading window), subject to continuous service through such date.

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