

Fink Nicholas I.
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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 *
Fink Nicholas I.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BEAM INC., 510 LAKE COOK ROAD

(Street)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BEAM INC [NYSE: BEAM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2012

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)

SVP, Chief Strategy Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$3.125 | 12/17/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,026 A \$ 47.3192 | 1,241 ⁽³⁾ | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$3.125 | 12/17/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 A \$ 35.6741 | 3,241 ⁽³⁾ | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$3.125 | 12/17/2012 | | S | | 3,026 D \$ 61.2336 | 215 ⁽³⁾ | D |

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| Common Stock, par value \$3.125 | 655 | I | Beam Retirement Savings Plan |
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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 47.3192 | 12/17/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,026 | 09/29/2011 09/30/2015 | Common Stock | 1,026 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 35.6741 | 12/17/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,000 | 09/30/2012 09/30/2016 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Fink Nicholas I. BEAM INC. 510 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015 | | | SVP, Chief Strategy Officer | |

Signatures

Leslie W. Jensen, Attorney-in-Fact for Nicholas
I. Fink

12/19/2012

__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) Reflects the exercise of stock options issued under the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.

The price in column 4 is the weighted average selling price of the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging
(2) from \$61.13 to \$61.34, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the SEC, the Issuer and any security holder, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price point within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(3) Includes 215 shares acquired under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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