

STERLING CHEMICALS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SASS MARTIN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STERLING CHEMICALS INC  
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
1185 AVE OF THE AMERICAS, 18TH FLOOR  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/03/2011

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

NEW YORK, NY 10036

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/03/2011                           |  | J(1)                           | 7,424 A 11  | 9,532,326   | I  | See Footnote (1) (2)              |

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)**

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| 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Series A Convertible Preferred Stock       | (3)  | 06/03/2011                           |  | J(1)                           | 37.303  | (4) (4)  | Common Stock  | 37,303                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SASS MARTIN D<br>1185 AVE OF THE AMERICAS<br>18TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Martin D.  
Sass

06/08/2011

\*\*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).
- M.D. Sass Investors Services, Inc. ("MDSIS") acquired beneficial ownership of the shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock") and the shares of the Issuer's Series A Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), in each case as reported
- (1) herein (collectively, the "Subject Securities"), pursuant to the terms of that certain Final Order, dated March 8, 2011, relating to the lawsuit styled MD Sass Investors vs. J.B. Rubin & Company, Inc., Index Number 102698/2004, pending before the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court of New York, County of New York (the "Order").
  - (2) Martin D. Sass serves as Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of MDSIS, and exercises voting and investment power over the Subject Securities solely in his capacity as Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of MDSIS. Pursuant to the Order, the Subject Securities may be beneficially owned by MDSIS solely to the extent of the limited rights granted to MDSIS thereunder, which rights do not include any ability for MDSIS to receive or retain for its own account any distributions or dividends, if any, on the Subject Securities or any proceeds, if any, from the sale of any or all of the Subject Securities. Accordingly, neither Martin D. Sass nor MDSIS holds any direct or indirect "pecuniary interest" in the Subject Securities.
  - (3) The Preferred Stock converts into the Common Stock on a one-for-one thousand basis.
  - (4) The Preferred Stock is convertible into the Common Stock at any time at the option of the holder. The Preferred Stock does not have a scheduled expiration date.

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