Hutchings W Preston Form 4 May 11, 2012

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly 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. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	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)
Common Shares, \$.0033 par value per share	05/09/2012		A	16,800 (2)	A	(2)	38,749	D	
Common Shares, \$.0033 par value per share							87,968 <u>(4)</u>	I	By Company

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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)	Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired or Dispose (D)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right (3)	\$ 38.58	05/09/2012		A	16,800	(3)	05/09/2022	Common Shares, \$.0033 par value per share	16,80

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hutchings W Preston WESSEX HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR 45 REID STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM 12

SVP & Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

/s/ W. Preston Hutchings 05/10/2011

**Signature of Reporting 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) The shares are held by a company which is owned by a family trust; beneficiaries of the family trust are the Reporting Person, his spouse and their minor children.
- (2) Represents restricted shares that vest in three equal annual installments on May 9th in each of 2013, 2014 and 2015, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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- (3) The stock appreciation right will become exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on May 9, 2013 and the next two installments on May 9, 2014 and May 9, 2015, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- 16,199 of this amount was previously reported as directly owned. On May 8, 2012, the reporting person contributed 16,199 of his directly (4) owned common shares of the issuer to a company which is owned by a family trust; the beneficiaries of the family trust are the reporting person, his spouse and their minor children.

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