

WELSH JAMES K  
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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 \*  
WELSH JAMES K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WESTERN DIGITAL CORP  
[WDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/06/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & GM, Branded Products

C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION, 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100

(Street)

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

IRVINE, CA 92612

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/06/2011		F	1,306 (1) D \$ 36.21	48,014	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2011		M	2,631 A \$ 23.46	50,645	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2011		M	4,266 A \$ 23.78	54,911	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2011		M	4,500 A \$ 16.85	59,411	D	
	02/07/2011		S	13,653 D	45,758	D	

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Common Stock \$ 36.4354  
(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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.85	02/07/2011		M	4,500	02/04/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/04/2016	Common Stock	4,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.46	02/07/2011		M	2,631	09/12/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/12/2014	Common Stock	2,631
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.78	02/07/2011		M	4,266	09/11/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/11/2015	Common Stock	4,266

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELSH JAMES K C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION			EVP & GM, Branded Products	

3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100  
IRVINE, CA 92612

## Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Garcia Attorney-in-Fact For: James K.  
Welsh

02/08/2011

\*\*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).

(1) Payment of tax obligation by withholding securities incident to the vesting of securities in accordance with Rule 16b-3(e).

Represents the weighted average sale price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from a low of \$36.31 to a high of \$36.4601. 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 sold at each separate price.

(3) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 2/4/2009, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 2/4/2011. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 2/4/2013.

(4) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 9/12/2007, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 12/12/2010. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 9/12/2011.

(5) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 9/11/2008, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 12/11/2010. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 9/11/2012.

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