

TEMPUR PEDIC INTERNATIONAL INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Clift Matthew

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 TEMPUR PEDIC INTERNATIONAL INC [TPX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Global Operations

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O TEMPUR-PEDIC INTERNATIONAL INC., 1713 JAGGIE FOX WAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2010

LEXINGTON, KY 40511
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------|--------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2010 | | M | | 75,000 | <u>A</u> (1) | | \$ 19.3 | 98,834 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2010 | | S | | 75,000 | <u>D</u> (1) | | \$ 40.01 | 23,834 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| Stock Option | \$ 19.3 | 12/21/2010 | | M | 75,000 | <u>(2)</u> 12/01/2014 | Common Stock | 75,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Clift Matthew
C/O TEMPUR-PEDIC INTERNATIONAL INC.
1713 JAGGIE FOX WAY
LEXINGTON, KY 40511

EVP, Global Operations

Signatures

/s/ Matthew D.
Clift

12/23/2010

**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) The shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 1, 2010 in order to cause the applicable sales to fall within the scope of Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Rule 10b5-1 trading plan contains specific instructions to sell shares pursuant to the exercise of options if the price of the Issuer's common stock exceeds a pre-determined price per share.

(2) Twenty-five percent of the total aggregate number of options granted became exercisable on December 1, 2005. The remaining options became fully vested pursuant to a stock sale restriction agreement dated December 15, 2005 between the reporting person and the issuer. The agreement restricts the reporting person's sale of common stock purchased pursuant to this option, which restriction lapses in twelve successive equal quarterly installments, which began on March 1, 2006. All restrictions lapsed by December 1, 2008.

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