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(М			(Month	(Month/Dav/Year) —				X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify low) below)			
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(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	nsaction Date 2A. Deemed h/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securities A orDisposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and)	d (A) or	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				Code V		(D)	Price \$		_		
Shares	05/12/2011			А	92.4883 <u>(1)</u>	А	34.02	20,400.9056	D		
Common Shares	08/11/2011			А	83.8716 <u>(2)</u>	А	\$ 34.27	20,484.7772	D		
Common Shares	11/10/2011			А	82.8167 <u>(3)</u>	А	\$ 34.99	20,567.5939	D		
Common Shares	02/14/2012			А	79.4601 <u>(4)</u>	А	\$ 36.76	20,647.054	D		
Common Shares	02/28/2012			А	310.0507 (5)	А	\$0	20,957.1047	D		

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Common Shares	05/14/2012	А	76.7506 <u>(6)</u>	А	\$ 36.87	21,033.8553	D
Common Shares	05/22/2012	А	1,362.3978 (7)	А	\$ 36.7	22,396.2531	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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(insu

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addro	ess	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Othe						
ROSS LLOYD E PO BOX 2380 BIG FORK, MT 59911	Х								
Signatures									
/s/ Lloyd E. Ross	05/24/2012								
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date								

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(1) DER units credited on 5/12/11 as dividend at FMV

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- (2) DER units credited on 8/11/11 as dividend at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 11/10/11 as dividend at FMV
- (4) DER units credited on 2/14/12 as dividend at FMV
- (5) Updated Drip
- (6) DER units credited on 5/14/12 as dividend at FMV
- (7) RSU's awarded on 5/22/12

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