

CATES JAMES L  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
CATES JAMES L			AARON'S INC [AAN]		(Check all applicable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Senior Group VP and Secretary	
309 E. PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E.			12/31/2012		6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person	
ATLANTA, GA 30305-						

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/20/2012	^	G	30	A	\$ 28.33	38,368	D (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	8,165.62	I	By 401(k)

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 Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.1067				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable: 10/16/2012 Expiration Date: 10/16/2018	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.92				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable: 02/23/2013 Expiration Date: 02/23/2020	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.1067				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable: 10/16/2013 Expiration Date: 10/16/2018	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.92				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable: 02/23/2014 Expiration Date: 02/23/2020	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.92				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable: 02/23/2015 Expiration Date: 02/23/2020	Common Stock	3,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CATES JAMES L 309 E. PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E. ATLANTA, GA 30305-				Senior Group VP and Secretary

## Signatures

/s/ Robert Sinclair, by Power of Attorney for James L.  
Cates

01/23/2013

\_\_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) 581 shares pertain to restricted stock units granted on January 11, 2012.
- (2) 582 shares pertain to restricted stock units granted on March 19, 2012.
- (3) 847 shares pertain to restricted stock units granted on July 10, 2012.
- (4) 679 shares pertain to restricted stock units granted on August 7, 2012.
- (5) 666 shares pertain to restricted stock units granted on November 6, 2012.

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