

MORTON DAVID H JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MORTON DAVID H JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Seagate Technology plc [STX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/15/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, FINANCE, TREASURER & PAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Ordinary Shares	08/15/2012		M	A	\$ 11.065	21,380	D
Ordinary Shares	08/15/2012		M	A	\$ 13.73	21,630	D
Ordinary Shares	08/15/2012		M	A	\$ 3.345	23,297	D
Ordinary Shares	08/15/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 33.83	20,807	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)	Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
NQ Stock Options	\$ 11.065	08/15/2012		M		573		09/13/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/13/2017	Ordinary Shares	573
NQ Stock Options	\$ 13.73	08/15/2012		M		250		09/12/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/12/2015	Ordinary Shares	250
NQ Stock Options	\$ 3.345	08/15/2012		M		1,667		09/11/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/06/2016	Ordinary Shares	1,667

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORTON DAVID H JR SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC 10200 S. DE ANZA BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014			VP, FINANCE, TREASURER & PAO	

## Signatures

/s/ Roberta S Cohen for David H. Morton Jr.

08/16/2012

\*\*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) Shares sold under a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2001 Share Option Plan are subject to a four-year vesting schedule. One

(2) quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four-year vesting schedule.

(3) One quarter of the option shares vested on September 12, 2009. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 12, 2009.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four and one half year vesting

(4) schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 11, 2010. The remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 11, 2010.

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