

Buer Gene P
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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 *
Buer Gene P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP
[CMCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON
PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - Americas

(Street)

AMHERST, NY 14228

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,486 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2012 | | F | 759 ⁽²⁾ | D \$ 13.4 | 13,727 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 05/18/2012 | | F | 370 ⁽²⁾ | D \$ 13.31 | 13,357 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 706.0524 ⁽³⁾ | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.45 | | | | | 05/19/2009 | 05/18/2018 | Common Stock | 432 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.81 | | | | | 10/20/2011 | 10/19/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.27 | | | | | 05/18/2010 | 05/17/2019 | Common Stock | 7,680 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.24 | | | | | 05/17/2011 | 05/16/2020 | Common Stock | 6,490 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.5 | | | | | 05/23/2012 | 05/22/2021 | Common Stock | 6,460 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY
AMHERST, NY 14228

VP -
Americas

Signatures

Gene P. Buer

05/21/2012

__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).

Includes 8,806 shares of restricted stock issued to reporting person subject to forfeiture in whole or part; 1,024 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 5/18/2013; 152 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/19/2012;

(1) 4,208 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/17/2013, and the remaining 3,422 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of 2,104 restricted stock units on 5/17/2012 and 1,025 restricted stock units on 5/18/2012.

(3) Reports shares allocated to account of reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (the "ESOP").

(4) Exercisable 25% per year for four years, beginning 5/19/09, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(5) Exercisable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 10/20/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(6) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(7) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/17/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(8) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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