

Hobbs Nicholas
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FORM 4

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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 *
Hobbs Nicholas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HUNT J B TRANSPORT SERVICES INC [JBHT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/16/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EVP/President DCS

615 JB HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE, PO BOX 130
(Street)

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

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

LOWELL, AR 72745

(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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 10/16/2012 | | M | | | 4,000 | A | \$ 6.55 | 34,265 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/16/2012 | | M | | | 3,200 | A | \$ 12.2 | 37,465 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/16/2012 | | M | | | 9,600 | A | \$ 20.36 | 47,065 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/16/2012 | | S | | | 16,800 | D | \$ 58.367 | 30,265 | D | |
| Common Stock (k) | | | | | | | | | 21,966 | D | |

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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 |
| Right to Buy Stock Option | \$ 6.55 | 10/16/2012 | | M | 4,000 | 06/01/2011 | 11/26/2013 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Right to Buy Stock Option | \$ 12.2 | 10/16/2012 | | M | 3,200 | 06/01/2011 | 10/23/2014 | Common Stock | 3,200 |
| Right to Buy Stock Option | \$ 20.36 | 10/16/2012 | | M | 9,600 | 06/01/2010 | 10/21/2015 | Common Stock | 9,600 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/15/2011 | 08/15/2013 | Common Stock | 1,100 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/15/2011 | 08/15/2014 | Common Stock | 1,760 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/15/2011 | 08/15/2015 | Common Stock | 2,640 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 07/15/2011 | 08/15/2020 | Common Stock | 24,000 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/15/2012 | 08/15/2015 | Common Stock | 4,400 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/15/2012 | 08/15/2016 | Common Stock | 16,800 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/14/2014 | 08/15/2017 | Common Stock | 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hobbs Nicholas 615 JB HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE PO BOX 130 LOWELL, AR 72745 | | | EVP/President DCS | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Debbie Willbanks, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Hobbs | 10/25/2012 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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).

The restricted stock award, approved by the company's compensation committee, vests over a ten-year period. There is no purchase price associated with the award upon exercise. Forfeiture of the award will occur only upon termination of employment with the company. Mr. Hobbs received this award as part of his total compensation package upon promotion EVP.

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