

MORTON DAVID H JR  
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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 \*  
MORTON DAVID H JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY  
PLC, 10200 S. DE ANZA  
BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/29/2012

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

(Street)  
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 02/29/2012                           |  | M                              | A   | 5,000   | \$ 3.345   | 40,215 <sup>(1)</sup> D                               |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 02/29/2012                           |  | M                              | A   | 750   | \$ 13.73   | 40,965 D  |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 02/29/2012                           |  | M                              | A   | 1,719   | \$ 11.065  | 42,684 D  |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 02/29/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | 7,469   | \$ 27.2839   | 35,215 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| NQ Stock Options                           | \$ 3.345   | 02/29/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | 09/11/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/06/2016                     | Ordinary Shares   | 5,000                      |
| NQ Stock Options                           | \$ 13.73   | 02/29/2012                           |  | M                              | 750   | 09/12/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/12/2015                     | Ordinary Shares   | 750                        |
| NQ Stock Options                           | \$ 11.065  | 02/29/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,719   | 09/13/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/13/2017                     | Ordinary Shares   | 1,719                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

03/01/2012

\*\*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) Includes 270 shares purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan on January 31, 2012 at \$11.764 per share.

Options granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four and one-half year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 11, 2010. Remaining option shares vest proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 11, 2010.

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 2001 Share Option Plan are subject to a four-year vesting schedule. One (4) 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.

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