

Kropp Ronald D  
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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 \*  
**Kropp Ronald D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr VP & CFO**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/13/2012**

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

**GLENVIEW, IL 60026**

(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	
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	16,324	A	\$ 0	18,243 D
Common Stock	02/13/2012		F	5,183	D	\$ 55.95	13,060 D
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S	3,014	D	\$ 56.38	10,046 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of
Employee Stock Option	\$ 47.13					12/10/2005	12/10/2014	Common Stock	10
Employee Stock Option	\$ 42.08					12/07/2006	02/01/2016	Common Stock	30
Employee Stock Option	\$ 51.6					02/09/2008	02/09/2017	Common Stock	60
Employee Stock Option	\$ 48.51					02/08/2009	02/08/2018	Common Stock	70
Employee Stock Option	\$ 35.12					02/13/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/13/2019	Common Stock	60
Qualifying Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	02/13/2012		M	16,324	<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	16
Employee Stock Option	\$ 43.64					02/12/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/12/2020	Common Stock	64
Performance Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	7
Employee Stock Option	\$ 55.81					02/11/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/11/2021	Common Stock	90
Performance Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	12
Performance Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	12
Employee Stock Option	\$ 55.71					02/10/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/10/2022	Common Stock	97

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kropp Ronald D ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE GLENVIEW, IL 60026			Sr VP & CFO	

## Signatures

Ronald D. Kropp by Maria C. Green, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary,  
Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

02/21/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (2) Each qualifying restricted stock unit (QRSU) and performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (3) The QRSU became vested and payable on February 13, 2012.
- (4) Each QRSU and PRSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant if performance goals are met.

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