SPARTAN MOTORS INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **NOWICKI JOSEPH M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SPARTAN MOTORS INC [SPAR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/06/2012

below)

10% Owner

C/O SPARTAN MOTORS

INC. 1541 REYNOLDS ROAD

Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

> below) Chief Financial Officer

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Common

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

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5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Reported

Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

Indirect

J

Code V Amount

1,310

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

69,078

(D) Price

4.6122

D

01/06/2012 Stock (1)

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)

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	Amount Underly Securiti	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NOWICKI JOSEPH M C/O SPARTAN MOTORS INC 1541 REYNOLDS ROAD CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Kimberly Baber, as Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph M. Nowicki

01/23/2012

**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) This line item voluntarily reports the acquisition of shares under the Spartan Motors, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).

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