HERRING JOSEPH L

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HERRING JOSEPH L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	COVANCE INC [CVD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
COVANCE INC., 210 CARNEGIE CENTER	(Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2011	_X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (special below) Chairman and CEO		
(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		
PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233		Form filed by More than One Reporting		

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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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 on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price 5 154			
Stock	12/22/2011		G V	5,154 (1) D \$0	241,293	D	
Common Stock - 401(k) Plan					5,141 (2)	I	Held By Trustee

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HERRING JOSEPH L COVANCE INC. 210 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233	X		Chairman and CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Ross A. Hyams, Power of 12/22/2011 Attorney

**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) Charitable donation

The securities reported were acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Covance 401(k) plan, a broad-based, tax-qualified employee benefit plan. The information was obtained from the Plan Administrator as of this date. The shares have been accumulated by the Trustee over the employment of the reporting person and the number is based upon the market value of the reporting person's account divided by the then current market price.

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