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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr NICOLETTI R	_	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
597 REGENCY DRIVE			12/07/2010	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
LAKE ZURIC	H, IL 6004 ⁷	7	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	12/07/2010		M	11,350	A	\$ 28.75	54,879	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	11,350	D	\$ 37.3	43,529	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.75	12/07/2010		M	11,350	<u>(1)</u>	11/30/2019	Common Stock	11,350

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NICOLETTI RALPH J 597 REGENCY DRIVE LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047

Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Ralph J. Nicoletti

12/08/2010

**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 option became exercisable in four equal increments beginning on 11/30/2010.

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