

Whitmore Robert W  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Whitmore Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

920 DISC DRIVE, ATTN: STOCK PLAN ADMINISTRATION

(Street)

SCOTTS VALLEY, CA 95066

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/13/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Chief Technical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Performance Stock Shares	09/13/2010		A		16,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 0 93,860 D
Performance Stock Units	09/13/2010		A		44,440 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 0 138,300 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)
NQ Stock Options	\$ 11.065	09/13/2010		A	100,000	09/13/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> - 09/13/2017	Common Shares 100,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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EVP, Chief Technical Officer

## Signatures

/S/ Roberta S. Cohen for Robert W.  
Whitmore

09/15/2010

\_\_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) Consists of a grant of restricted stock shares awarded to the Reporting Person under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan for no consideration. Each restricted stock share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Seagate common stock. Subject to the Reporting Person's Continuous Service with the Company, vested shares to be released to the reporting person on each of the first four anniversaries of the vesting commencement date of September 13, 2010.

(2) Consists of a grant of performance stock units awarded to the Reporting Person under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan for no consideration. Each performance stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Seagate common stock. The vesting for these awards issued under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan is subject to both continuous employment and specified performance goals. The Award Agreement provides that performance units will vest after the end of a performance period, currently contemplated to be three years, subject to both the continued employment of the participant by the Company and the achievement of certain performance objectives established by the Board of Directors and set forth in the Award Agreement. The Board of Directors presently intends that the performance goals will be a three-year average return on invested capital goal and a relative total shareholder return percentile goal.

(3) Options granted to the Reporting Person under the 2004 Stock Compensation Plan are subject to a four-year vesting schedule. One quarter of the option shares vested on September 13, 2011. The remaining option shares are vesting proportionally each month over the 36 months following September 13, 2011.

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