

Wells James
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FORM 4

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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 *
Wells James

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LIFETIME BRANDS,
INC., 1000 STEWART AVENUE

(Street)

GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LIFETIME BRANDS, INC [LCUT]

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

03/20/2013

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 and Pres. of Kitchenware

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/20/2013 | | M | | 15,200 | A | \$ 2.19 |
| Common Stock | 03/20/2013 | | S | | 15,200 | D | \$ 11.3544 |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2013 | | M | | 11,050 | A | \$ 2.19 |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2013 | | S | | 11,050 | D | \$ 11.0873 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 255,253 |
| | | | | | | I | Spouse |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 2.19 | 03/20/2013 | | M | 15,200 | <u>(1)</u> 04/02/2019 | Common Stock 15,200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 2.19 | 03/21/2013 | | M | 11,050 | <u>(1)</u> 04/02/2019 | Common Stock 11,050 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wells James C/O LIFETIME BRANDS, INC. 1000 STEWART AVENUE GARDEN CITY, NY 11530 | | | EVP and Pres. of Kitchenware | |

Signatures

James Wells 03/22/2013

**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) The stock options vest 25 percent over four years, commencing one year from 4/3/2009.
- (2) Field intentionally left blank in accordance with the instructions to Form 4.

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