RYAN PAUL R Form 4 January 31, 2011

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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10% Owner

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* RYAN PAUL R

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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

01/27/2011

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

**500 NEWPORT CENTER** DRIVE, 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) Chairman & CEO

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

\_X\_\_ Director

X\_ Officer (give title

\_X\_ 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

#### NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(State)

		Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Deficically Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(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)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(111011111)
Common Stock	01/27/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	1,551	D	\$ 25.84	594,827	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2011		S(1)	781	D	\$ 25.51	594,046	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	3,321	D	\$ 24.29	590,725	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)

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Chairman & CEO

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Retutionismps					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

X

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7TH FLOOR

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

## **Signatures**

Paul R. Ryan 01/31/2011

\*\*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 sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5(10 Trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on February 26, 2010.

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