

Probst Robert F  
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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 \*  
 Probst Robert F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 BEAM INC., 510 LAKE COOK ROAD  
 (Street)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BEAM INC [NYSE: BEAM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/21/2012

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)  
 SVP & Chief Financial Officer

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)       | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 55.43                     | 02/21/2012       | A <sup>(1)</sup> | 21,739  |      |   |     |     | <sup>(2)</sup>   | 02/21/2022      | Common Stock | 21,739                     |
| Restricted Stock Unit                | <sup>(3)</sup>               | 02/21/2012       | A <sup>(4)</sup> | 5,953   |      |   |     |     | <sup>(5)</sup>   | <sup>(5)</sup>  | Common Stock | 5,953                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Probst Robert F<br>BEAM INC.<br>510 LAKE COOK ROAD<br>DEERFIELD, IL 60015 |               |           | SVP & Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

Leslie W. Jensen, as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert F. Probst  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 02/23/2012

\_\_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) Reflects the grant of options under the Issuer's 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
  - (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2013.
  - (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
  - (4) Reflects the grant of restricted stock unit awards payable in shares of the Company's common stock under the Issuer's 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- Full payment of the award will be made in the form of shares of the Company's common stock as of February 21, 2015 if the Reporting Person remains employed with the Company through such date, subject to special provisions in the event of death, disability or termination following a change in control.

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