

Fink Nicholas I.  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Fink Nicholas I.

(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)  
12/17/2012

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 Strategy 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 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 or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$3.125	12/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,026 A \$ 47.3192	1,241 <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$3.125	12/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000 A \$ 35.6741	3,241 <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$3.125	12/17/2012		S		3,026 D \$ 61.2336 <sup>(2)</sup>	215 <sup>(3)</sup>	D

Common Stock, par value \$3.125	655	I	Beam Retirement Savings Plan
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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.3192	12/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,026	09/29/2011 09/30/2015	Common Stock	1,026
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.6741	12/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000	09/30/2012 09/30/2016	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fink Nicholas I. BEAM INC. 510 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015			SVP, Chief Strategy Officer	

## Signatures

Leslie W. Jensen, Attorney-in-Fact for Nicholas  
I. Fink

12/19/2012

\_\_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 exercise of stock options issued under the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.

The price in column 4 is the weighted average selling price of the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging  
(2) from \$61.13 to \$61.34, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the SEC, the Issuer and any security holder, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price point within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(3) Includes 215 shares acquired under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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