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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **Burke Damian** Symbol

Issuer

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[KRA]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS, 15710 JOHN F.

03/04/2013

VP - Corporate Development

KENNEDY BLVD. SUITE 300

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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HOUSTON, TX 77032

(City) (State) (Zip)

03/04/2013

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount

Price (D)

Common Stock

3,524 (1)

\$0 8,796

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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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf 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 Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.84	03/04/2013		A	6,753	(2)	03/04/2023	Common Stock	6,753

Reporting Owners

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

Burke Damian C/O KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS 15710 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD. SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77032

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Signatures

/s/ James L. Simmons as Attorney-in-Fact for Damian

Burke

03/06/2013

**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 award shall vest in full on the third anniversary of the grant date, March 4, 2013, subject to the executive's being employed by the company on the vesting date.
- (2) The options shall vest with respect to one-third of the underlying common stock on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, March 4, 2013, subject to the executive's being employeed by the company on the vesting date.

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