#### JOHNSTON PAUL R

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSTON PAUL R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EXPONENT INC [EXPO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	•		
149 COMMONWEATH DRIVE		DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  President & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
MENLO PAR	K, CA 9402	5	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M	5,000	A	\$ 12.015	74,450	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S	5,000	D	\$ 48.1935	69,450	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M(1)	10,144	A	(2)	79,594	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		F(3)	4,661	D	\$ 47.86	74,933	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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		TransactionDerivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		e	7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.015	03/14/2012		M		5,000	<u>(4)</u>	03/01/2015	Common Stock	5,	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/14/2012		M <u>(1)</u>		10,144	03/14/2012	03/14/2012	Common Stock	10	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
JOHNSTON PAUL R 149 COMMONWEATH DRIVE MENLO PARK CA 94025	X		President & CEO					

## **Signatures**

By: Wendy Whitehouse For: Paul R.

Johnston

03/16/2012

\*\*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 conversion of shares of vested Restricted Stock Units granted on March 14, 2008 into shares of Common Stock on a 1:1 basis.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Reflects shares of common stock withheld by the Company to satify the tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Person.
- (4) The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments.
- (5) See Footnote 1.

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