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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 *
 Edwards Richard J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

102 WILLENBROCK ROAD, ONE
 TRIBOLOGY CENTER

(Street)

OXFORD, CT US 06478

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RBC Bearings INC [ROLL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2012

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)

V.P. and General Manager

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/23/2012		M	12,500	A \$ 12	26,480 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ ₍₇₎	D
Common Stock	02/23/2012		S	12,500	D \$ 46.89	13,980 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ ₍₇₎	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. 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 31.91					02/12/2009 ⁽³⁾ 02/12/2015	Common Stock 12,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 12	02/23/2012		M	12,500	07/01/2002 07/01/2012	Common Stock 12,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 22.66					07/12/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 07/12/2013	Common Stock 20,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 20.37					11/11/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 11/11/2015	Common Stock 20,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 22.73					11/16/2010 ⁽⁵⁾ 11/16/2016	Common Stock 20,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 37.66					10/06/2012 ⁽⁸⁾ 10/06/2018	Common Stock 20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Edwards Richard J 102 WILLENBROCK ROAD ONE TRIBOLOGY CENTER OXFORD, CT US 06478			V.P. and General Manager	

Signatures

Thomas J. Williams /attorney
in fact/

02/27/2012

__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) Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 7/12/07, 1/5 vest on 7/12/08, 1/5 vest on 7/12/09, 1/5 vest on 7/12/10 and 1/5 vest on 7/12/11.
400 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse on 2/12/13. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- (3) Options to purchase shares of common stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 2/12/09, 1/5 vest on 2/12/10, 1/5 vest on 2/12/11, 1/5 vest on 2/12/12 and 1/5 vest on 2/12/13.
- (4) Options to purchase shares of common stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/3 vested on 11/11/09, 1/3 vest on 11/11/10 and 1/3 vest on 11/11/11.
- (5) Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 11/16/2010, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2011, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2012, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2013 and 1/5 vest on 11/16/2014
1,000 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse on 11/16/2012. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- (7) 5,000 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse in accordance with the following schedule: 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2012, 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2013, 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2014, 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2015 and 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2016. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- (8) Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 10/06/2012, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2013, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2014, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2015 and 1/5 vest on 10/06/2016. Options expire 7 years from grant date.

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