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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC [STRL] COLOMBO ANTHONY F (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 20810 FERNBUSH LANE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77073 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Exec. VP Operations Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 56,711 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial	
			Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:		
					Security	Direct (D)		
						or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	07/23/2011	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 1.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	07/24/2012	Common Stock	2,800	\$ 1.725	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	08/20/2013	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 3.05	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	08/12/2014	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 3.1	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	09/12/2010	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 16.78	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/18/2007	07/18/2011	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 24.96	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	09/08/2011	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 25.21	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COLOMBO ANTHONY F 20810 FERNBUSH LANE HOUSTON, TX 77073	Â	Â	Exec. VP Operations	Â		

Signatures

Roger M. Barzun under a Power of Attorney 09/09/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These shares are exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the July 23, 2001 grant date.
- (2) These shares are exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the July 24, 2002 grant date.
- (3) These shares are exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the August 20, 2003 grant date.
- (4) These shares are exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the August 12, 2004 grant date.
- (5) These shares are exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the August 12, 2005 grant date.
- (6) These shares are exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the August 8, 2006 grant date. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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