

VANEK GREG

Form 4

October 29, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
VANEK GREG

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE
1330

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH]

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

10/25/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President of NLASCO, Inc.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/25/2012		M	50,000 A	\$ 12.06	50,000	D
Common Stock	10/25/2012		F	44,933 D	\$ 13.42	5,067	D
Common Stock	10/25/2012		D	5,067 D	\$ 13.42	0	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)	8. Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	9. Title	10. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.06	10/25/2012		M	50,000	<u>(1)</u> 10/25/2012	Common Stock			50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330
DALLAS, TX 75201

President of NLASCO, Inc.

Signatures

/s/ GREG
VANEK 10/29/2012

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) This stock option vested in five equal installments on each of October 25, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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