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November 19, 2012

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| FORM 4 | | | ND EWG | TI A NICITO | COMMISSION | _ | APPROVAL | |
| | CIVILED STATES | | RITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION shington, D.C. 20549 | | | | 3235-0287 January 31, | |
| Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | |
| (Print or Type Respo | onses) | | | | | | | |
| Name and Address LOVIN RALPH | 2. Issuer Name and Symbol COVENANT TE | RANSPOF | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| | | GROUP INC [C' | - | [I] (Check an applicable) | | | | |
| , , | First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner (Month/Day/Year) Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | | ther (specify | | |
| CHATTANOOC | (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) (Zip) | Table I - Non-I | Derivative S | Securities A | cquired, Disposed | of, or Benefici | ally Owned | |
| | Transaction Date 2A. Deer enth/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/I | ned 3. n Date, if Transaction Code Day/Year) (Instr. 8) | | es Acquired posed of | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect | |
| Class A Common 11/ Stock | 15/2012 | A(1) | 10,000 (1) | A \$0 | 88,528 | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 17,618 <u>(2)</u> | I (2) | 401(k) | |
| Class A Common | | | | | 2,700 (3) | I (3) | By grandchild under | |

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account (3)

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerci | sable and | 7. Title a | ınd | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | iorNumber | Expiration Da | te | Amount | of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/Y | (ear) | Underlyi | ng | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securitie | s | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable Date | Date | | umber | |
| | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | $^{\prime}$ (A) (D) | | | St | nares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LOVIN RALPH H JR 400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

Executive VP and Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Ralph H. Lovin, Jr., by Heidi Hornung-Scherr, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a POA previously filed with the SEC

11/19/2012

**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) Represents a restricted stock award under the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as such plan may be amended from time to time. The award is subject to certain vesting and forfeiture provisions.
- The number of shares beneficially owned following the reported transaction is equal to the reporting person's November 15, 2012 account (2) balance in the employer stock fund under the issuer's 401(k) plan divided by the closing price on November 15, 2012. The plan is unitized and as such does not itself allocate a specific number of shares to each participant.
- The shares are held as custodian for minor grandchild. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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