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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| Rork Christopher | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARTERS INC [CRI] | | | | | ng | Issuer | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|---|--|----------|--|
| (Last) 1170 PEAC | (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/EACHTREE ST. 05/12/2 | | | | f Earliest Transaction Day/Year) | | | | (Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP of Supply Chain | | | |
| | | | | mendment, Date Original 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 | | | |
| (City) | | (Zip) | | | | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - No | n-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | ransaction Date 2A. Deemed enth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or | | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price \$ | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Stock | 05/12/2013 | | | F(1) | | 1,250 | D | 69.79 | 35,676 <u>(2)</u> | D | | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2013 | | | M | | 7,500 | A | \$ 30.18 | 43,176 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2013 | | | S | | 7,500 | D | \$ 70.03 (3) | 35,676 | 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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | \$ 30.18 | 05/14/2013 | | M | 7,500 | <u>(4)</u> | 05/12/2021 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

Rork Christopher

1170 PEACHTREE ST. EVP of Supply Chain ATLANTA, GA 30309

Signatures

/s/Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher
Rork
05/14/2013

**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) The transaction reported in this Form 4 reflects withholding of shares of common stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations resulting from the vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.
 - This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from \$69.92 to \$70.11, inclusive.
- (3) Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) These time-vesting options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant.

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