

BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M			(Month/Day/Year)	POPULAR INC [BPOP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/26/2010		
P.O. BOX 364548			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
SAN JUAN,Â PRÂ 00936-4548			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	28,638	D	Â
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	5,000	I	By wife
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	4,657	I	By daughter
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	4,647	I	By daughter
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	2,733	I	By son

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M P.O. BOX 364548 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-4548	X			

Signatures

Marie Reyes-Rodriguez, 02/04/2010
Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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