

OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET
 (Street)

PEORIA, IL 61629

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/07/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO & Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common	05/07/2012		M		42,000	A	\$ 25.3575
Common	05/07/2012		F		23,796	D	\$ 97.615

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)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(2)					(3)	(3)	Common	0
Employee Stock Option (4)	\$ 25.3575	05/07/2012		M	42,000	(5)	06/12/2012	Common	42,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	X			CEO & Chairman of the Board

Signatures

D. R. Oberhelman; L.J. Huxtable, POA 05/08/2012

**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 amount includes 29452 shares in 401K and 9256 shares in dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Caterpillar Inc. common stock.
- (3) The phantom stock units were acquired under the Caterpillar Inc. deferred employee investment plan and will be settled 100% in cash upon the reporting person's retirement or separation from service.
- (4) Right to buy with tandem tax withholding rights.
- (5) Exercisable in thirds beginning 1 year after the initial grant date. (1/3 after one year; 1/3 after two years; 1/3 after three years).

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