

Edwards Richard J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Edwards Richard J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RBC Bearings INC [ROLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 102 WILLENBROCK ROAD, ONE
 TRIBOLOGY CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/06/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 V.P. and General Manager

(Street)
 OXFORD, CT US 06478

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 10/06/2011 | | A ⁽⁸⁾ | V Amount 5,000 ⁽⁸⁾ (A) or (D) A Price \$ 0.01 | 14,784 ^{(5) (2)} (7) (8) | 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)

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 31.91 | | | | | 02/12/2009 ⁽³⁾ 02/12/2015 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 12 | | | | | 07/01/2002 07/01/2012 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 22.66 | | | | | 07/12/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 07/12/2013 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 20.37 | | | | | 11/11/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 11/11/2015 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 22.73 | | | | | 11/16/2010 ⁽⁶⁾ 11/16/2016 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 37.66 | 10/06/2011 | | A ⁽⁹⁾ | 20,000 ⁽⁹⁾ | 10/06/2012 ⁽⁹⁾ 10/06/2018 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Edwards Richard J 102 WILLENBROCK ROAD ONE TRIBOLOGY CENTER OXFORD, CT US 06478 | | | V.P. and General Manager | |

Signatures

Thomas J. Williams /attorney
in fact/

10/11/2011

__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) Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 7/12/07, 1/5 vest on 7/12/08, 1/5 vest on 7/12/09, 1/5 vest on 7/12/10 and 1/5 vest on 7/12/11.
800 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse in accordance with the following schedule: 1/2 lapse on 2/12/12 and 1/2 lapse on 2/12/13. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- (2) Options to purchase shares of common stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 2/12/09, 1/5 vest on 2/12/10, 1/5 vest on 2/12/11, 1/5 vest on 2/12/12 and 1/5 vest on 2/12/13.
- (3) Options to purchase shares of common stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/3 vested on 11/11/09, 1/3 vest on 11/11/10 and 1/3 vest on 11/11/11.
1,000 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse on 11/11/11. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- (4) Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 11/16/2010, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2011, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2012, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2013 and 1/5 vest on 11/16/2014
2,000 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse in accordance with the following schedule: 1/2 lapse on 11/16/2011 and 1/2 lapse on 11/16/2012. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- (5) Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 10/06/2012, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2013, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2014, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2015 and 1/5 vest on 10/06/2016. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- (6) Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 10/06/2012, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2013, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2014, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2015 and 1/5 vest on 10/06/2016. Options expire 7 years from grant date.

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