

HIRST RICHARD B
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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 *
HIRST RICHARD B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SVP & General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC.,
DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574**
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/07/2013

ATLANTA,, GA 30320

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Disposed of (A) or (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/07/2013		A	(A) Amount 80,551 (1)	(D) Price 409,993	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2013		F	(A) Amount 38,624 (2)	(D) Price \$ 14.86	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2013		A	(A) Amount 62,250 (3)	(D) Price 433,619	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2013		A	(A) Amount 32,640 (4)	(D) Price 466,259	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. 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIRST RICHARD B C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA,, GA 30320			SVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Jan M. Davidson as attorney-in-fact for Richard B. Hirst 02/11/2013

__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).
- Settlement of performance awards granted under Delta's 2011 long-term incentive program which were earned effective February 7, 2013. The grant of the performance awards was approved by the Personnel & Compensation Committee of Delta's Board of Directors (the "Committee") and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (1) Shares withheld for payment of tax liability upon settlement of the performance awards earned under Delta's 2011 long-term incentive program. This withholding was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rules 16b-3(d)(1) and 16b-3(e).
 - (2) The Committee granted Mr. Hirst 62,250 shares of restricted common stock under Delta's 2013 long-term incentive program. Subject to the terms of the award, the restrictions on the shares will lapse in three equal annual installments on February 1, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Until the restrictions lapse, Mr. Hirst may not sell or transfer the shares, which will be subject to forfeiture in certain circumstances. This

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grant was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

- (4) The Committee granted Mr. Hirst 32,640 shares of restricted common stock under Delta's transition award program. Subject to the terms of the award, the restrictions on the shares will lapse on February 1, 2015. Until the restrictions lapse, Mr. Hirst may not sell or transfer the shares, which will be subject to forfeiture in certain circumstances. This grant was approved by the Committee and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

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