

Dirks Douglas D
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Dirks Douglas D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10375 PROFESSIONAL CIRCLE
(Street)

RENO, NV 89521

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Employers Holdings, Inc. [EIG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2012

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)
President & CEO

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 03/16/2012 | | A | | 17,300 (1) | A | \$ 0 196,109 D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 03/16/2012 | | F | | 1,984 | D | \$ 17.02 194,125 D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 03/17/2012 | | A | | 1,800 (2) | A | \$ 0 195,925 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.02 | 03/16/2012 | | A | 52,800 | <u>(3)</u> 03/16/2019 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 52,800 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.02 | 03/17/2012 | | A | 5,500 | <u>(4)</u> 03/17/2019 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 5,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Dirks Douglas D 10375 PROFESSIONAL CIRCLE RENO, NV 89521 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Douglas D.
Dirks
03/20/2012
**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).

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Represents restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2013 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).

- (2) Represents restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 17, 2013 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2013 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 17, 2013 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).

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