

Tumelty John B.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Tumelty John B. | | (Month/Day/Year) | Proto Labs Inc [PRLB] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 02/23/2012 | | |
| 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE | | | (Check all applicable) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | |
| | | | Managing Dir.-Proto Labs, Ltd. | |
| MAPLE PLAIN,Â MNÂ 55359 | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

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 | 0 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 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 | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---|-------|------------|-----------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 12/21/2020 | Common Stock | 105,000 | \$ 7.86 | D | Â |
| Warrant (right to buy) | Â (2) | 07/04/2016 | Common Stock | 105,000 | \$ 1.79 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Tumelty John B. 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359 | Â | Â | Â | Managing Dir.-Proto Labs, Ltd. Â |

Signatures

/s/ Catherine M. Verschelden, Attorney-in-Fact for John B.
Tumelty

02/23/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on December 21, 2011.
- (2) Fully vested.

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