

Nelson Ronald E.  
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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 \*  
Nelson Ronald E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO  
[COLM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/29/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY, 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PORTLAND, OR 97229

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	05/29/2012		M	265	A \$ 0	565	D	
Common Stock	05/29/2012		M	464	A \$ 0	1,029	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/29/2012		M	265	05/27/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> - <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	265
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/29/2012		M	464	05/27/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> - <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	464

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Ronald E. C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE PORTLAND, OR 97229	X			

## Signatures

Peter J. Bragdon,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 05/29/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

Restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable indicated. One share of Common Stock will be automatically delivered to the reporting person for each restricted stock unit that vests. If a vesting date falls on a weekend or any other day on which the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NSM") or any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock then is principally traded (the "Exchange") is not open, affected RSUs shall vest on the next following NSM or Exchange business day, as the case may be.

(1) Restricted stock units vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the anniversary of the grant date. If a vesting date falls on a weekend or any other day on which the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NSM") or any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock then is principally traded (the "Exchange") is not open, affected RSUs shall vest on the next following NSM or Exchange business day, as the case may be.

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(3) N/A

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