

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Lynch Brian</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET</u> <u>SUITE 900</u> _____ (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARTERS INC [CRI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP Brand Leader</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/01/2012</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/01/2012		M		20,000	A	\$22.62	70,360	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2012		S		20,000	D	\$49.88 ⁽¹⁾	50,360	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2012		S		9,341	D	\$50.09 ⁽²⁾	41,019 ⁽³⁾	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$22.62	08/01/2012		M		20,000		05/12/2006	05/12/2015	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from \$49.58 to \$51.07, inclusive. Upon request by the Commissioner staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from \$49.75 to \$51.06, inclusive. Upon request by the Commissioner staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.

Remarks:

Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Brian Lynch 08/03/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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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