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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>PETTY JAMES C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET</u> <u>SUITE 900</u> (Street) <u>ATLANTA</u> <u>GA</u> <u>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>President Retail Stores</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/12/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	11/12/2012		M		40,000	A	\$27.06	80,408	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2012		S		40,000	D	\$51.07 ⁽¹⁾	40,408	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2012		M		18,750	A	\$14.18	59,158	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2012		S		18,750	D	\$51.07 ⁽¹⁾	40,408	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2012		M		6,250	A	\$18.14	46,658	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2012		S		6,250	D	\$51.07 ⁽¹⁾	40,408	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2012		M		5,250	A	\$28.04	45,658	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2012		S		5,250	D	\$51.07 ⁽¹⁾	40,408 ⁽²⁾	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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$27.06	11/12/2012		M		40,000		(3)	06/05/2017	Common Stock	40,000	\$0	120,408	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$14.18	11/11/2012		M		18,750		(3)	07/01/2018	Common Stock	75,000	\$0	56,250	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$18.14	11/12/2012		M		6,250		(3)	03/12/2019	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	18,750	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$28.04	11/12/2012		M		5,250		(3)	02/16/2020	Common Stock	21,000	\$0	15,750	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from 50.85 to 51.48, 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.
2. Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.
3. All these options were exercisable as of the trade date.

Remarks:

/s/Brendan M. Gibbons,
Attorney-in-Fact for James C.
Petty

11/14/2012

** 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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