

Scissors Conley Melinda
 Form 4
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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 *
 Scissors Conley Melinda

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
 [KRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS, 15710 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD. SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP - Human Resources

HOUSTON, TX 77032
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2012 | | A | 3,418 (1) | A \$ 0 3,418 | 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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 24.14 | 05/03/2012 | | A | 16,002 | (2) | 05/03/2022 | | 05/03/2022 | Common Stock | 16,002 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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 HOUSTON, TX 77032

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Signatures

/s/ Stephen E. Tremblay as Attorney-in-Fact for Melinda Scissors Conley

05/07/2012

**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).

- (1) The award shall vest in full on the third anniversary of the grant date, May 3, 2012, subject to the executive's being employed by the company on the vesting date.
- (2) The option shall vest with respect to one-third of the underlying common stock on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, May 3, 2012, subject to the executive's being employed by the company on the vesting date.

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