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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement TRIMAS CORP [TRS] Benson Thomas M (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 39400 WOODWARD (Check all applicable) **AVENUE, Â SUITE 130** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting President Cequent Performance Person **BLOOMFIELD** Form filed by More than One HILLS. MIÂ 48304 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 6,110 (1) D Common Stock  $1,067 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	10/01/2012	10/01/2015	Common Stock	33,330 (3)	\$ 23	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to buy)	(4)	03/09/2019	Common Stock	30,000 (4)	\$ 1.01	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
. 3	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Benson Thomas M					
39400 WOODWARD AVENUE	â	Â	President Cequent Performance	Â	
SUITE 130	A	A	A Fresident Cequent Ferrormance	A	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304					

### **Signatures**

/s/ Paula Reno attorney-in-fact 03/02/2011

\*\*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) Restricted shares of common stock of the Company granted December 4, 2009 under the TriMas Corporation 2006 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, restrictions lapse on March 15, 2011.
- (2) Balance of restricted shares of common stock of the Company granted April 2, 2008 under the TriMas Corporation 2006 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, restrictions lapse on April 2, 2011.
- Option to purchase shares of common stock of the Company granted October 1, 2005 under the TriMas Corporation 2002 Long Term (3) Equity Incentive Plan, 80% of the shares subject to this Option vested in three equal annual installments on each of October 1, 2006, October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008; the remaining 20% of the shares subject to this Option will vest October 1, 2012.
- Balance of Non-Qualified Stock Option to purchase shares of common stock of the Company granted March 9, 2009 under the TriMas (4) Corporation 2002 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, remaining shares subject to this Option shall vest and become exercisable with respect to 12,500 shares on March 9, 2011 and 12,500 shares on March 9, 2012.

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#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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