

Adam Donald Francis
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Adam Donald Francis

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC [BHE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

ANGLETON, TX 77515

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/06/2012		A	16,574 (1)	\$ 0 48,739	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.03	03/06/2012		A	30,227	(2) 03/06/2022	Common Stock	30,227
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/06/2012		A	16,574 (3)	(3) (3)	Common Stock	16,574

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Adam Donald Francis 3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE ANGLETON, TX 77515			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Donald F. Adam 03/08/2012
 **Signature of Date
 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).
- (1) Grant of restricted shares vesting as to 4,143 shares on March 6 of 2013 and 2015, and 4,144 on March 6, 2014 and 2016.
- (2) The options are exercisable as to (i) 7,556 shares on March 06, 2013,(ii) 7,557 shares on March 06, 2014, (iii) 7,557 shares on March 06, 2015, and (iv) the remaining 7,557 shares on March 06, 2016.
 This reflects the target number of performance based restricted stock units awarded. Actual awards may vary from as low as zero to as high as three times target numbers. As soon as reasonably practicable following the end of the Performance Period (beginning on January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2015) and in no event later than March 15, 2016, the number of restricted stock units that will ultimately be earned will be determined and issued.
- (3)

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