

Colfax CORP  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RALES MITCHELL P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,  
NW, SUITE 800W

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20037

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Colfax CORP [CFX]**

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

05/14/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.001	05/14/2012		P	7,500	\$ 29.7482 (1)	7,500	I By trust for daughter
Common Stock, par value \$.001						11,296,361	D
Common Stock, par value \$.001						25,000	I By spouse

Common Stock, par value \$.001	19,388	I	By Capital Yield Corporation <u>(2)</u>
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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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RALES MITCHELL P 2200 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW SUITE 800W WASHINGTON, DC 20037	X	X		

## Signatures

/s/ A. Lynne Puckett,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2012

\_\_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 price reported in this row of Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$29.745 to \$29.7525, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Colfax Corporation, any security holder of

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Colfax Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

- (2) These shares are held by an entity of which Mitchell P. Rales and Steven M. Rales are the sole stockholders. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent that they are beneficially owned by Steven M. Rales.

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