SAYLOR MICHAEL J

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAYLOR MICHAEL J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSTRATEGY INC [MSTR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--|--------------------|--------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) (Middle) 3 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED, 1850 TOWERS CRESCENT PLAZA | | TOWERS | (Month/Day/Year) 08/28/2012 | _X DirectorX 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specifical below) Chairman, President and CEO | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| TYSONS COR | NER, VA 2 | 22182 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative | Secui | rities Acquii | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| ` ′ | 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) |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/28/2012 | | M | 4,700 | A | \$ 20.69 | 4,700 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/28/2012 | | S | 4,700 | D | \$ 125.625 (1) | 0 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/29/2012 | | M | 37,600 | A | \$ 20.69 | 37,600 | D | |
| Class A | 08/29/2012 | | S | 37,600 | D | \$ | 0 | D | |

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 Common
 126.684

 Stock
 (2)

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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | erivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) equired (A) Disposed of (a) enstr. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.69 | 08/28/2012 | | M | 4,700 | (3) | 02/08/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 4,700 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.69 | 08/29/2012 | | M | 37,600 | <u>(4)</u> | 02/08/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 37,600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| coporting of their runte, reduced | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SAYLOR MICHAEL J C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED 1850 TOWERS CRESCENT PLAZA TYSONS CORNER, VA 22182 | X | X | Chairman, President and CEO | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ W. Ming Shao, Attorney-in-Fact 08/30/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$125.40 to \$125.8001, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to MicroStrategy Incorporated, any security holder of MicroStrategy Incorporated, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 1 and 2 to this Form 4.
- (2) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$126.50 to \$127.36, inclusive.
- (3) The 4,700 shares exercised on 08/28/2012 vested on 02/08/2007. Of the remaining 157,229 shares subject to the stock option, 75,229 shares vested on 02/08/2007 and 82,000 shares vested on 02/08/2008.
- (4) The 37,600 shares exercised on 08/29/2012 vested on 02/08/2007. Of the remaining 119,629 shares subject to the stock option, 37,629 shares vested on 02/08/2007 and 82,000 shares vested on 02/08/2008.
- (5) See Exhibit A.

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