Nelson Ronald E. Form 4 May 30, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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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(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nelson Ronald E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO [COLM]

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

05/29/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

X_ Director

Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

COMPANY, 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE

(State)

(Street)

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

PORTLAND, OR 97229

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price Amount (D)

464

M

05/29/2012

05/29/2012

\$0 565 M 265 Α

(A)

\$0 1.029 Α

D

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			Amount of Securities 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/29/2012		M	265	05/27/2012(1)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	265
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/29/2012		M	464	05/27/2012(2)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	464

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Keiauolisiiips				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Nelson Ronald E. C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE

PORTLAND, OR 97229

Signatures

Peter J. Bragdon, Attorney-in-Fact 05/29/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person D

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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).

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Restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable indicated. One share of Common Stock will be automatically delivered to the reporting person for each restricted stock unit that vests. If a vesting date falls on a weekend or any other day on which the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NSM") or any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock then is principally traded (the "Exchange") is not open, affected RSUs shall vest on the next following NSM or Exchange business day, as the case may be.

Restricted stock units vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the anniversary of the grant date. If a vesting date falls on a weekend or any other day on which the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NSM") or any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock then is principally traded (the "Exchange") is not open, affected RSUs shall vest on the next following NSM or Exchange business day, as the case may be.

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(3) N/A

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