

LYDALL INC /DE/
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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 *
BARNHART DALE G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LYDALL, INC., ONE COLONIAL ROAD, P.O. BOX 151

(Street)

MANCHESTER, CT 06045-0151

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LYDALL INC /DE/ [LDL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2009

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)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2009 | | A | | 47,000 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 0 114,063 D |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2009 | | A | | 47,000 <u>(2)</u> | A | \$ 0 161,063 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)

| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option to Buy | \$ 5.54 | 12/10/2009 | | A | 44,000 | 12/11/2010 ⁽³⁾ 12/10/2019 | Common Stock 44,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BARNHART DALE G C/O LYDALL, INC. ONE COLONIAL ROAD, P.O. BOX 151 MANCHESTER, CT 06045-0151 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Paul G. Igoe, Attorney-in-fact, for Dale G. Barnhart
12/14/2009

**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) Represents an award of Performance Shares granted under the Company's 2003 Stock Incentive Compensation Plan, which award is subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. The actual number of Performance Shares that will be allowed to vest, if any, will be determined upon the certification by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company that the Company has achieved certain specified financial performance criteria during the one-year period ending December 31, 2010. The Performance Shares vest, to the extent determined, in three equal annual installments beginning on December 7, 2011.
- (2) Represents an award of Performance Shares granted under the Company's 2003 Stock Incentive Compensation Plan, which award is subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and vests, if at all, to the extent determined upon the certification by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company that the Company has achieved certain specified financial performance criteria during the one-year period ending December 31, 2012.
- (3) Incentive stock options granted under the amended and Restated Lydall 2003 Stock Incentive Compensation Plan. Options become exercisable at the rate of 25% per year, beginning one year from initial grant date.

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