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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP ((CHFC)) Linebaugh Karl (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 235 E MAIN STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer __X__ Other Person MIDLAND, MIÂ 48640 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Officer of Principle Bus. Unit Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock D Â 34,350 Common Stock 4,234.355 I By 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of Derivative	Derivative Security:	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	12/31/2005	12/12/2013	Common Stock	1,837.5	\$ 35.6667	D	Â
Stock Options	12/31/2005	12/13/2014	Common Stock	3,675	\$ 39.6857	D	Â
Stock Options	12/20/2005	12/20/2015	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 32.28	D	Â
Stock Options	(1)	07/20/2017	Common Stock	4,091	\$ 24.78	D	Â
Stock Options	(2)	02/25/2018	Common Stock	1,536	\$ 24.52	D	Â
Stock Options	(3)	04/29/2019	Common Stock	1,839	\$ 21.1	D	Â
Stock Options	(4)	03/26/2020	Common Stock	1,580	\$ 24.56	D	Â
Stock Options	(5)	04/20/2021	Common Stock	1,992	\$ 19.97	D	Â
Stock Options	(6)	02/22/2022	Common Stock	5,324	\$ 23.78	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	677	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	854	\$ <u>(8)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(9)	(9)	Common Stock	793	\$ <u>(9)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	264	\$ (10)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Linebaugh Karl 235 E MAIN STREET MIDLAND, MI 48640	Â	Â	Â	Officer of Principle Bus. Unit

Signatures

/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala, His Attorney-In-Fact 01/28/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 20, 2008.
- (2) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2009.
- (3) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2010.
- (4) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 25, 2011.
- (5) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on April 19, 2012.
- (6) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2013.

Award of restricted stock performance units pursuant to the Chemical Financial Corporation Stock Incentive Plan of 2006. Restricted stock performance units are convertible into shares of common stock based on the attainment by the Company of certain financial performance criteria upon completion of the year ending December 31, 2012 and the reporting person's attainment of the restricted period. Restricted stock performance units are reported assuming shares of common stock will be issuable on a 1-for-1 basis, but restricted stock performance units may be convertible on a basis ranging from 0.5-for-1 to 1.5-for-1 depending on the actual performance of the Company.

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(10) Award of restricted stock service-based units convertible into shares of common stock on a 1-for-1 basis at the end of a 3-year vesting period. Dividend equivalents will accrue under this award.

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