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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>WATKINS JAMES M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>4000 MACARTHUR BLVD., EAST TOWER</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>11/13/2012</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MINDSPEED TECHNOLOGIES, INC [MSPD]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP, Finance, & PAO</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 15,000 | D | W |
| Common Stock | 417 | I | By Savings Plan - MSPD ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 01/31/2013 ⁽²⁾ | 02/12/2020 | Common Stock | 2,500 | \$ 6.28 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Watkins James M 4000 MACARTHUR BLVD., EAST TOWER NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | Â | Â | Â VP, Finance, & PAO | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Brandi R. Steege,
Attorney-in-fact

11/16/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
Shares represented by Company stock fund units under the Mindspeed Technologies, Inc. Savings Plan which were acquired on a periodic basis pursuant to the Plan, based on the latest information furnished by the Plan Administrator. The shares represented by Company stock fund units under the Plan are held in the employee benefit plan trust established thereunder.
- (2) Options become exercisable as to 1/3 of the option shares on this date and as to an additional 1/8 each three months thereafter.

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