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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Foglesong Greg

1170 PEACHTREE ST., SUITE 900

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

CARTERS INC [CRI]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(7:-

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

02/22/2012

X_ Officer (give title below) SVP - Marketing

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)

| (City) | (State) (2 | Table | I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securi | ties | | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionAcquired (A) or | | | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | e Disposed of (D) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (A) | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | | | Code v | | (D) | | | | |
| Common | 02/22/2012 | | A | 2,000 | A | \$0 | $13,050 \frac{(3)}{}$ | D | |
| Stock | | | | <u>(1)</u> | | (2) | , - | | |
| Common | | | | 4,000 | | \$0 | | | |
| Stock | 02/22/2012 | | A | (4) | A | (2) | $17,050 \frac{(3)}{}$ | D | |
| Stock | | | | <u>`</u> | | <u> </u> | | | |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | \$ 42.61 | 02/22/2012 | | A | 4,000 (5) | 02/22/2013(5) | 02/22/2022 | Common Stock | 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Foglesong Greg 1170 PEACHTREE ST. SUITE 900 ATLANTA, GA 30309

SVP - Marketing

Signatures

Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Greg Foglesong

02/22/2012

**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) These restricted shares are subject to restrictions that lapse in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Granted at no cost to the reporting person.
- (3) Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.
- (4) These restricted shares cliff vest based upon the achievement of certain 2014 earnings targets.
- (5) These time-vesting options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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