SANTI ERNEST SCOTT

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SANTI ERNEST SCOTT Issuer Symbol ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC (Check all applicable) [ITW] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS 02/13/2012 Vice Chairman INC., 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting GLENVIEW, IL 60026

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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	28,770	A	\$ 0	42,132	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2012		F	11,117	D	\$ 55.95	31,015	D	
Common Stock							3,290	I	See Footnote (1)

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)	onDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An Nu Sh
Employee Stock Option	\$ 47.13						12/10/2005	12/10/2014	Common Stock	6
Employee Stock Option	\$ 51.6						02/09/2008	02/09/2017	Common Stock	8
Employee Stock Option	\$ 48.51						02/08/2009	02/08/2018	Common Stock	8
Employee Stock Option	\$ 35.12						02/13/2010(2)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	13
Qualifying Restricted Stock Unit (3)	\$ 0	02/13/2012		M		28,770	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2
Employee Stock Option	\$ 43.64						02/12/2011(2)	02/12/2020	Common Stock	14
Performance Restricted Stock Unit (3)	\$ 0						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Option	\$ 55.81						02/11/2012(2)	02/11/2021	Common Stock	10
Performance Restricted Stock Unit (3)	\$ 0						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Option	\$ 55.71						02/10/2013(2)	02/10/2022	Common Stock	10
Performance Restricted Stock Unit (3)	\$ 0						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock (5)	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SANTI ERNEST SCOTT ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE GLENVIEW, IL 60026

Vice Chairman

Signatures

Ernest Scott Santi by Maria C. Green, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

02/21/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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).
- (1) Shares of common stock allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan---Information reported as of February 13, 2012.
- (2) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (3) Each qualifying restricted stock unit (QRSU) and performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) The QRSU award became vested and payable on February 13, 2012.
- (5) Each QRSU and PRSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant if performance goals are met.

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