STRENGE ROBERT E

Form 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STRENGE ROBERT E	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	BOISE INC. [BZ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
BOISE INC., 1111 WEST JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 200	(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2011	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
BOISE, ID 83702-5388		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) 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 Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported	Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/15/2011		M	46,000 (1)	A	\$ 0	100,705	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2011		F	15,755 (1)	D	\$ 8.55	84,950	D	

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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 of or 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
2009 Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/15/2011		M	46	5,000	03/15/2010(1)	03/15/2012(1)	Common Stock
2011 Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/15/2011		A	9,078		03/15/2012(3)	03/15/2012(3)	Common Stock
2011 Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/15/2011		A	10,898		03/15/2013(4)	03/17/2014(4)	Common Stock
2011 Stock Option	\$ 8.55	03/15/2011		A	21,472		03/15/2013(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STRENGE ROBERT E BOISE INC. 1111 WEST JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 200 BOISE, ID 83702-5388			Senior Vice President			

Signatures

/s/ Robert E.
Strenge

**Signature of Reporting Person

O3/17/2011

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).

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On March 16, 2009, Mr. Strenge was awarded 230,000 restricted stock units (RSUs) under the Boise Inc. Incentive and Performance Plan. These service-condition vesting RSUs vest as follows: 46,000 RSUs vested on March 15, 2010; 46,000 vested on March 15, 2011; and the remaining 138,000 will vest on March 15, 2012. Mr. Strenge elected to have shares withheld to satisfy his tax withholding obligations on the 46,000 RSUs that vested on March 15, 2011.

- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Boise Inc. common stock.
 - The company declared a special cash dividend payable on December 3, 2010, to shareholders of record on November 17, 2010. On the record date, our executive officers held unvested restricted stock or restricted stock units that, pursuant to the terms of their award agreements, did not accrue dividends. On February 23, 2011, the compensation committee of our board of directors approved a
- supplemental equity award to our executive officers to align management and shareholder interests regarding dividend strategy.

 Accordingly, on March 15, 2011, Mr. Strenge was awarded a supplemental one-year, service-condition vesting equity award equivalent in value to the dividends he would have received on his restricted stock units held as of the record date.
- On March 15, 2011, Mr. Strenge was awarded 10,898 restricted stock units (RSUs) under the Boise Inc. Incentive and Performance Plan.

 (4) These service-condition vesting RSUs vest as follows: 5,449 RSUs will vest on March 15, 2013, and the remaining 5,449 will vest on March 17, 2014.
 - On March 15, 2011, Mr. Strenge was awarded a nonqualified stock option under the Boise Inc. Incentive and Performance Plan. This stock option award will vest and become exercisable as follows: 10,736 shares will vest and become exercisable on March 15, 2013; and
- the remaining 10,736 will vest and become exercisable on March 17, 2014. This award, to the extent vested, must be exercised on or before the earliest of the following: the tenth anniversary of the award date; five years after the date of Mr. Strenge's retirement; three years after Mr. Strenge's death or total and permanent disability; or one year after Mr. Strenge's termination pursuant to his stock option award agreement.

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