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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 PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES [PJC] Klinefelter Jeffrey P (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 800 NICOLLET MALL (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) MINNEAPOLIS. MNÂ 55402 Form filed by More than One Global Head of Equities Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 71,005 Common Stock 1,500 I By minor children Common Stock 1,283 Ι By PJC Retirement Plan (1) 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	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying Derivative Security	Conversion or Exercise		Beneficial Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/12/2007(2)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	1,286	\$ 47.3	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips				
• 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Klinefelter Jeffrey P					
800 NICOLLET MALL	Â	Â	Global Head of Equities	Â	
MINNEAPOLIS Â MNÂ 55402					

Signatures

/s/ James L. Chosy for Jeffrey P.
Klinefelter
07/20/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person 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) Based on a plan report dated July 13, 2012.
- (2) The option vested in full on February 12, 2007.

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