

GALLARDO JUAN
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GALLARDO JUAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 N.E. ADAMS STREET

(Street)

PEORIA, IL 61629

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/09/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common	04/09/2012		M	8,000	A \$ 29.43	239,475	D

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)

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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. Transaction Code	5. Number of 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D	9. S	10. (1	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)					(2)	(2)			Common	0
Employee Stock Option (3)	\$ 29.43	04/09/2012		M	8,000	(4)		04/10/2012		Common	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALLARDO JUAN 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	X			

Signatures

Juan Gallardo T.; L.J. 04/10/2012
Huxtable, POA

**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) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Caterpillar Inc. common stock.
- (2) The phantom stock units were accrued under the Caterpillar Inc. director's deferred compensation plan and are to be settled 100% in cash upon the reporting person's retirement.
- (3) Right to buy with tandem tax withholding rights.
- (4) Exercisable in thirds beginning 1 year after the initial grant date. (1/3 after one year; 1/3 after two years; 1/3 after three years).

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