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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Proto Labs Inc [PRLB] À Schneider Jacqueline D. (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE (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) MAPLE PLAIN, MNÂ 55359 Form filed by More than One VP Sales & Customer Service 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) 0 D Â Common Stock 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

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exp Exercisable Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
		Date				or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	02/13/2017	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 3.37	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	03/11/2018	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 4.54	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	04/28/2019	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 5.56	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	12/21/2020	Common Stock	70,000	\$ 7.86	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Schneider Jacqueline D. 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359	Â	Â	VP Sales & Customer Service	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Catherine M. Verschelden, Attorney-in-Fact for Jacqueline D. Schneider

02/23/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) Fully vested.
- (2) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on March 11, 2009.
- (3) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on April 28, 2010.
- (4) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on December 21, 2011.

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