

CHRISTIANSON TONY  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CHRISTIANSON TONY**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE DOLAN COMPANY, 222  
S. NINTH STREET, SUITE 2300

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Dolan Co. [NYSE: DM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/17/2012**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/17/2012		A	(A) or (D) 5,974 (1)	\$ 0 6,965	D	
Common Stock					1,300	I	By Adam Smith Companies, LLC (2)
Common Stock					12,880	I	By Adam Smith Growth Partners, L.P. (3)

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Common Stock 351,895 I By Adam Smith Fund, L.L.C (4)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTIANSON TONY C/O THE DOLAN COMPANY 222 S. NINTH STREET, SUITE 2300 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402		X		

### Signatures

Kelly Jacobus, as Attorney-in-Fact for Tony Christianson. 05/21/2012  
 \*\*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).  
 These are restricted shares of common stock issued under the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Compensation Plan (as amended and restated). 25% (1) of the shares vested on the date of the award, and the remaining 75% of the shares will vest in three equal annual installments on each of May 17, 2013, 2014, and 2015.

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(2) Mr. Christianson is the chairman of Adam Smith Companies, LLC and disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this report is not an admission that Mr. Christianson is the beneficial owner of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(3) Mr. Christianson is the chairman of Adam Smith Companies, LLC, the general partner of Adam Smith Growth Partners, L.P. Mr. Christianson disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this report is not an admission that Mr. Christianson is the beneficial owner of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(4) Mr. Christianson is the president of Adam Smith Management, LLC, the managing member of Adam Smith Fund, LLC. Mr. Christianson disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this report is not an admission that Mr. Christianson is the beneficial owner of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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