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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW] À Hartnett John R. (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS (Check all applicable) INC., 3600 WEST LAKE AVE. 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) **Executive Vice President** _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person GLENVIEW. ILÂ 60026 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 2,757 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	12/10/2005	12/10/2014	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 47.13	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/01/2007	02/01/2016	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 42.08	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/09/2008	02/09/2017	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 51.6	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/08/2009	02/08/2018	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 48.51	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/13/2010(1)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	13,007	\$ 35.12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/12/2011(1)	02/12/2020	Common Stock	13,889	\$ 43.64	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/11/2012(1)	02/11/2021	Common Stock	11,750	\$ 55.81	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/10/2013(1)	02/10/2022	Common Stock	13,066	\$ 55.71	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,526	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,559	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit (5)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,616	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting of more remained and areas	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hartnett John R. ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. 3600 WEST LAKE AVE. GLENVIEW Â II. Â 60026	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â	

Signatures

John R. Hartnett, by Maria C. Green, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact on File

05/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) granted 2/12/10.
- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock and vests 100% three years from the date of grant.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) granted 2/11/11.
- (5) Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) granted 2/10/12.

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