## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Crainer Thomas C |   |  |  |       |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RBC Bearings INC [ ROLL ] |                       |   |  |  |                    |   |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner |   |                                       |  |                                       |  |
|--|---|--|--|-------|---|---|-----------------------|---|--|--|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 51 OLD COUNTRY ROAD                |   |  |  |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/06/2011 |   |                       |   |  |  |                    |   | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  VP and General Manager  |   |   |                                       |  |                                       |  |
| (Street) OXFORD CT US 06478                                |   |  |  | 4.    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |   |                       |   |  |  |                    |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |   |                                       |  |                                       |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                       |   |  |  |       |   |   |                       |   |  |  | Person             |   |   |   |   |                                       |  |                                       |  |
|  |   | Ta   | able I - No  | n-Der | ivati   | ve S  | ecurities             | Acc                                     | quired,  | Dis  | posed of,          | or Ber  | neficial  | y Owned   |   |                                       |  |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D   |   |  |  |       |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)           |                       | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, |                    | d (A) or<br>7. 3, 4 and   | 5) Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Following  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following                               |   | : Direct I<br>r Indirect I<br>str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                               |                                       |  |
|  |   |  |  |       |   |   |                       | Code                                    | v  | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)      | Price   | Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 3 as   |   |   |                                       | (Instr. 4)   |                                       |  |
| Common Stock 10/06   |   |  |  |       | 06/20   | 2011  |                       | A <sup>(8)</sup>                        |  | 5,000 <sup>(8)</sup> A                               |                    | \$0.0   | 1 15,773  | 15,773(3)(5)(7)(8)  |   | D                                     |  |                                       |  |
|  |   |  | Table II -   |       |   |   |                       |   |  |  | osed of, o         |   |   | Owned   |   |                                       |  |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution D<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/ | ate,  | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                     |   | Derivative            |   | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | e                  | 7. Title and Am<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | Derivative<br>Security  | 9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported | re (Ces Fally C                       | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |  | ,     | Code  | v   | (A)                   | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exercisa   | ıble   | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amoun<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Shares  | er  | Transacti<br>(Instr. 4)   |                                       |  |                                       |  |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock                   | \$31.91   |  |  |       |   |   |                       |   | 02/12/20   | 09 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 02/12/2015         | Common<br>Stock   | 25,00   |   | 25,00   | 00                                    | D  |                                       |  |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock                   | \$22.66   |  |  |       |   |   |                       |   | 07/12/20   | 07 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 07/12/2013         | Common<br>Stock   | 20,00   |   | 4,00  | 0                                     | D  |                                       |  |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock                   | \$20.37   |  |  |       |   |   |                       |   | 11/11/20   | 08 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 11/11/2015         | Common<br>Stock   | 25,00   |   | 25,00   | 00                                    | D  |                                       |  |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock                   | \$22.73   |  |  |       |   |   |                       |   | 11/16/20   | 10 <sup>(6)</sup>                                    | 11/16/2016         | Common<br>Stock   | 25,00   |   | 25,00   | 00                                    | D  |                                       |  |
| Option to<br>Purchase<br>Common                            | \$37.66   | 10/06/2011                                 |  |       | A <sup>(9)</sup>  |   | 20,000 <sup>(9)</sup> |   | 10/06/20   | 12 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | 10/06/2018         | Common  | 20,00   | \$37.66   | 20,00   | 00                                    | D  |                                       |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

Stock

- 1. Options to purchase shares of common stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vested on 7/12/07, 1/5 vest on 7/12/08, 1/5 vest on 7/12/09, 1/5 vest on 7/12/10 and 1/5 vest on 7/12/11.
- 2. Options to purchase shares of common stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 2/12/09, 1/5 vest on 2/12/10, 1/5 vest on 2/12/11, 1/5 vest on 2/12/12 and 1/5 vest on 2/12/13.
- 3. 1,200 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restricted shares in accordance with the following schedule: 1/2 lapse on 2/12/12 and 1/2 lapse on 2/12/13. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- 4. Options to purchase shares of common stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/3 vested on 11/11/09, 1/3 vest on 11/11/10 and 1/3 vest on 11/11/11.
- 5. 1,000 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse on 11/11/11. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events.
- 6. Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 11/16/2010, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2011, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2012, 1/5 vest on 11/16/2013 and 1/5 vest on 11/16/2014
- 7. 2,000 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse in accordance with the following schedule: 1/2 lapse on 11/16/2011 and 1/2 lapse on 11/16/2012. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events
- 8. 5,000 shares of the reported Common Stock are Restricted Shares. The Restrictions lapse in accordance with the following schedule: 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2012, 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2013, 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2014, 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2015 and 1/5 lapse on 10/06/2016. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock (i) may be immediately forfeited to the Company at the time the grantee ceases to be an officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances or (ii) may lapse upon the happening of certain events
- 9. Options to purchase shares of Common Stock are subject to the following vesting schedule: 1/5 vest on 10/06/2012, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2013, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2014, 1/5 vest on 10/06/2015 and 1/5 vest on 10/06/2016. Options expire 7 years from grant date

J. Williams /attorney in Thomas 10/11/2011 fact/

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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