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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad OBUS NELS	Symbol LAYNE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO [LAYN]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (Mi	(Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2010			_X Director Officer (giv below)		Owner er (specify		
(City)	(State) (Z	Filed(Mont	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Aco				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi	ties l (A) o l of (D	or)	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	02/01/2010		A	1,572	A	\$0	5,681 <u>(1)</u>	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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
OBUS NELSON							
	X						

Signatures

/s/ Nelson Obus 02/02/2010 Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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).

4,991 of the 5,681 shares reported are held directly by the Reporting Person and 690 of the 5,681 shares reported are held indirectly by the Reporting Person. Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, a New York limited liability company ("WCM") is the sole general partner of Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"). The Reporting Person is a co-managing member of WCM, and by virture of his positions with WCM and the Partnership, the Reporting Person has the shared power to vote and dispose of the 690 reported securities owned by the Partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the 690 reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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