COSTAR GROUP INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FLORANCE ANDREW C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

(Check all applicable)

below)

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 1331

(Street)

(State)

L STREET, NW

President and CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

02/21/2012

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

Common

per share

(City)

Stock, par 02/21/2012 value \$0.01

172,000 Α (1)

Code V

\$0 355,962 ⁽²⁾

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)

| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Acquire Common Stock | \$ 58.95 | 02/21/2012 | | A | 41,700 | (3) | 02/20/2022 | Common Stock | 41,700 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Toporous o mar round / radiacoss | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| FLORANCE ANDREW C C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC. 1331 L STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005 | X | | President and CEO | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Coleman,
Attorney-in-Fact
02/23/2012

**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).
- Includes a grant of 29,500 shares of restricted common stock that vest in three equal installments on February 21, 2013, February 21, 2014, and February 21, 2015, and a grant of 142,500 shares of restricted common stock that vest upon CoStar Group, Inc.'s achievement of \$90 million of cumulative earnings before interest depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) over a period of four consecutive calendar quarters by March 31, 2017.
- (2) Represents all shares of common stock owned, consisting of 145,494 shares of Common Stock and 210,468 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested restricted common stock grants.
- (3) The option vests in three equal installments on February 21, 2013, February 21, 2014, and February 21, 2015.

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