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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Person <u>*</u> LUKIS LA		c	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]				
(Last) 5540 PIONEE	(First)	(Middle)	02/23/2012	4. Relationshi Person(s) to I	ip of Reporting ssuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
	(Street)			X Directo X Officer (give title below		Owner ow) Offcr	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	tive Securiti	es Ber	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	7		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Natu Owner (Instr.	•	
Common Stoc	k		6,899,340		D	Â		
Reminder: Report owned directly or	-	te line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	^{ially} S	EC 1473 (7-02))		
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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)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director 10% Owner Officer			Other				
LUKIS LAWRENCE J 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359	ÂX	ÂX	Chairman & Chief Tchnlgy Offcr	Â				
Signatures								
/s/ Catherine M. Verschelden, Attorney-in-Fact for Lawrence J. Lukis 02/23/2012								
<u>**</u> Signature of Rep	Date							

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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