

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wells Robert J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
101 WEST PROSPECT AVENUE  
(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO [SHW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/19/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP-Corp Com & Public Affair

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**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|------|---|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 78.255                    | 10/19/2011       |  | A    |   | 6,100 |     | (1)              | 10/18/2021      | Common Stock | 6,100                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Wells Robert J<br>101 WEST PROSPECT AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44115 |               |           | Sr VP-Corp Com & Public Affair |       |

## Signatures

Louis E. Stellato,  
Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 10/21/2011

\*\*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).
- (1) The option vests in three annual installments of 2,034, 2,033 and 2,033 beginning on October 19, 2012.

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