

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
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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 \*  
Heath George E

(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)

02/24/2012

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)

President, Global Finishes Grp

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/24/2012		M		18,000 A \$ 54.09	43,441	D
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S		16,152 D \$ 100.73	27,289 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock						1,693.73 <sup>(3)</sup>	I
							Stock Plan

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.09	02/24/2012		M	6,000	10/14/2009	10/13/2018	Common Stock	6,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.09	02/24/2012		M	6,000	10/14/2010	10/13/2018	Common Stock	6,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.09	02/24/2012		M	6,000	10/14/2011	10/13/2018	Common Stock	6,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Heath George E 101 WEST PROSPECT AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115	Director 10% Owner Officer Other President, Global Finishes Grp

## Signatures

Louis E. Stellato,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/27/2012

\_\_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).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$100.67 to \$100.85 inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to The Sherwin-Williams Company, any security holder of

(1) The Sherwin-Williams Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.

(2) Of shares listed, 15,855 are restricted.

Represents the approximate number of shares of common stock for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the vote under The Sherwin-Williams Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan per the trustee's 12/31/11 statement. Shares of common stock are not directly allocated to the Plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock and a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.

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