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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre | HARD S | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC</u> [HHGP] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | |
|--|--------|----------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC. 560 LEXINGTON AVENUE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2012 | Senior Vice President | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 | | 10022 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2012 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 11,184 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 47,234 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2012 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 1,162(2) | D | \$4.76 | 46,072 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 11,207.201 | Ι | By 401(k) Plan ⁽³⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,538.403 | Ι | By Plan ⁽⁴⁾ | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Restricted Stock | (5) | | | | | | | (5) | 02/24/2014 | Common Stock | 4,666 | | 9,334 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$9.17 | | | | | | | (6) | 06/25/2013 | Common Stock | 18,000 | | 18,000 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$13.25 | | | | | | | (7) | 01/18/2015 | Common Stock | 80,000 | | 80,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock upon attainment of performance criteria. Vesting is also subject to a service condition as follows: 33% vested on February 21, 2012, 33% vest on February 16, 2013 and 34% vest on February 16, 2014.

2. Reflects payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock incident to vesting of restricted stock previously issued.

3. Balance reflects the most current data available with regard to holdings in the 401(k) Plan.

4. Balance reflects the reporting person's holdings in the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of the date of this filing.

5. The shares of restricted stock vest as follows: 1/3 upon the 20-day average closing stock price of HHGP reaching each of \$6.00, \$9.00 and \$12.00.

6. Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 50% after 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 75% after 2nd anniversary, and 100% after 3rd anniversary.

7. Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 50% after 3rd anniversary of the date of grant and 100% after 4th anniversary.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ John K. Wilson, Attorney-</u> in-Fact

02/23/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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