

Alberto-Culver CO  
Form 4  
November 22, 2010

**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NICOLETTI RALPH J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
597 REGENCY DRIVE  
(Street)

LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/19/2010

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)  
Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/19/2010		M		8,762	A	\$ 21.825 52,291
Common Stock	11/19/2010		S		8,762	D	\$ 37.23 43,529
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M		42,763	A	\$ 21.825 86,292
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M		45,000	A	\$ 24.995 131,292
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M		29,700	A	\$ 27.255 160,992



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Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

## Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Ralph J.  
Nicoletti

11/22/2010

\_\_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) This option became exercisable in four equal increments beginning on 2/28/2008.
- (2) This option became exercisable in four equal increments beginning on 9/30/2008.
- (3) This option became exercisable in four equal increments beginning on 9/30/2009.
- (4) The Common Stock was sold at a low price of \$37.20, a high price of \$37.23 and an average price of \$37.2079.

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