

HOVDE ERIC D
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FORM 4

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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 *
HOVDE ERIC D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1826 JEFFERSON PLACE NW

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EPLUS INC [PLUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/25/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 09/25/2012 | | A | (A) or (D) 1,164 (1) | \$ 0 227,826 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 945,052 (2) | I | Footnote (3) |

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)

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| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
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Code V (A) (D)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOVDE ERIC D 1826 JEFFERSON PLACE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036 | X | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Eric D.
Hovde

09/27/2012

 **Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) On September 25, 2012, Mr. Hovde was awarded 1,164 restricted shares of common stock of the Company (the "Restricted Shares"). The Restricted Shares were issued pursuant to Mr. Hovde's election to receive shares in lieu of cash compensation as permitted under the Company's 2008 Non-Employee Long Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Restricted Shares are subject to a restriction period beginning on the issue date and ending on the first anniversary of the issuance for one-half of the Restricted Shares and ending on the second anniversary of the issuance for the remaining one-half of the Restricted Shares. As more fully described in the Plan, under certain circumstances the restrictions may lapse. The direct ownership of 227,826 shares includes 3,901 shares (including the Restricted Shares) that are restricted and have not yet vested as of September 27, 2012; however, Mr. Hovde has the right to vote such shares that are restricted prior to vesting.

(2) As of the date hereof, including the transaction reported herein, Mr. Hovde may be deemed the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of 945,052 shares of common stock of ePlus inc (the "Shares"). The beneficial ownership of these Shares is more fully set out in the following footnotes 3 and 4. Mr. Hovde disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of such Shares for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

(3) Mr. Hovde is the managing member of: (a) Hovde Capital Limited IV LLC, the general partner to Financial Institution Partners IV, L.P., which owns 46,584 Shares; (b) Hovde Capital, Ltd., the general partner to Financial Institution Partners III, L.P., which owns 226,971 Shares; and (c) Hovde Capital I, LLC, the general partner to Financial Institution Partners Master Fund, L.P., which owns 641,317 Shares. Mr. Hovde is a trustee of the Hovde Private Equity Advisors LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, which owns 1,149 Shares; a trustee of the Hovde Capital Advisors LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, which owns 7,766 Shares; and a trustee of The Eric D.

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and Steven D. Hovde Foundation, which owns 21,265 shares.

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