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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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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 may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MINICUCCI BENITO		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
												ALASKA A
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earl	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				11				
19300 INTERN		(Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2012				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP/OPS & COO						
	4. If Amendme	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check						
	Filed(Month/Da	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line)						
SEATTLE, WA						_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - 1	Non-Deriv	ative Secu	rities .	Acquired	, Disposed of, or	Beneficially	Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transacti (Month/Day		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 3 (A) or	l of (D)	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)		
COMMON STOCK	01/30/201	12		Code V $A_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 11,100	(D)	Price \$ 0	26,917	D			
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT	01/30/201	12		J(2)	11,100	D	\$ 0	9,300	D			
COMMON STOCK	01/30/201	12		F(3)	2,984	D	\$ 74.56	23,933	D			

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Tit.	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amou	unt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	/Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S		(Instr	. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	-				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
					Exercisable	-	Title Number				
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MINICUCCI BENITO 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

EVP/OPS & COO

Signatures

/s/ Jeanne Gammon Attorney-in-Fact for Benito Minicucci

02/01/2012

**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).
- (1) COMMON SHARES ACQUIRED UPON VESTING OF STOCK UNITS ON JANUARY 30, 2012.
- (2) RSUs WERE FULLY VESTED AND ISSUED ON JANUARY 30, 2012.
- (3) STOCK UNITS WITHHELD TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF RSUs ON JANUARY 30, 2012.

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