Zimmer Jeffrey J Form 4 April 11, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * Zimmer Jeffrey J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3001 OCEAN DRIVE, SUITE 201

(Street)

VERO BEACH, FL 32963

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Armour Residential REIT, Inc.

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

04/09/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below)

Co-CEO, President & CFO

Applicable Line)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					(Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	04/09/2012		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	06/30/2012		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	09/30/2012		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2012		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	03/31/2013		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	06/30/2013		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	09/30/2013		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2013		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	03/31/2014		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	06/30/2014		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	09/30/2014		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2014		A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451	

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Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	03/31/2015	A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	06/30/2015	A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	09/30/2015	A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2015	A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	03/31/2016	A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	06/30/2016	A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	09/30/2016	A	13,451	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,451
Phantom Stock (1) (2) (3)	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2016	A	13,443	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	13,443

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Zimmer Jeffrey J 3001 OCEAN DRIVE SUITE 201 VERO BEACH, FL 32963	X		Co-CEO, President & CFO			

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey J.

Zimmer

**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) The reporting person was granted an aggregate of 269,012 shares of phantom stock under ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc.'s 2009 Stock Incentive Compensation Plan pursuant to a vesting schedule described below. 13,451 shares of the reporting person's

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phantom stock vested on April 9, 2012 with an additional 13,451 shares of phantom stock vesting on the last day of each fiscal quarter until September 30, 2016. On December 31, 2016, 13,443 shares will vest, at which time all phantom stock will be vested. The 269,012 shares of phantom stock is in addition to the 97,500 shares of phantom stock granted to the reporting person and subject to a five-year vesting schedule, which began on March 31, 2011. The 97,500 shares were separately reported on Form 4s filed by the reporting person on April 4, 2011 and April 3, 2012.

- Upon termination of the reporting person's service with ARMOUR Residential Management LLC, ARMOUR's manager, or the termination of the Management Agreement between ARMOUR and ARRM, all phantom shares which have not vested prior to or concurrently with such termination will be forfeited by the reporting person; provided, however, that the phantom shares will vest if the termination is due to death, disability, termination without cause, or retirement after age 62. The phantom shares will automatically vest upon a change in control of ARMOUR. The reporting person will be entitled to an equal number of shares of ARMOUR common stock within 30 days of vesting.
- The reporting person also has the right to elect to receive the amount of cash necessary to pay any income taxes instead of some of the shares of ARMOUR common stock. With respect to each phantom share, the reporting person will receive a cash payment in an amount equal to the cash dividend distributions paid in the ordinary course on a share of ARMOUR common stock.
- (4) Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of ARMOUR common stock.

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