

BUDA JAMES B
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
BUDA JAMES B

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 N.E. ADAMS STREET
(Street)

PEORIA, IL 61629-7310

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2012

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)
Sr. VP & Chief Legal Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	03/02/2012		M ⁽⁵⁾	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 4,449 A (4)	48,163 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	D	
Common	03/02/2012		F ⁽³⁾	D \$ 112.87	46,318 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(6)					(7) (7)	Common	0
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	03/02/2012		M	4,449	03/02/2012 03/02/2012	Common	4,449

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUDA JAMES B 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629-7310			Sr. VP & Chief Legal Officer	

Signatures

J. B. Buda; L.J. Huxtable,
POA
Date: 03/06/2012

**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) This amount includes 3312 shares in dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Includes 9580 shares previously owned indirectly through Caterpillar's 401k plan.
- (3) Amount reflects shares surrendered to satisfy tax withholding requirements upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents the equivalent of one share of Caterpillar Inc. common stock. On March 2, 2012, the reporting person's restricted stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Caterpillar Inc. common stock.
- (5) Represents the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on March 2, 2009.
- (6) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Caterpillar Inc. common stock.
- (7) The phantom stock units were acquired under the Caterpillar Inc. deferred employee investment plan and will be settled 100% in cash upon the reporting person's retirement or separation from service.

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