OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R	Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
100 N.E. ADAMS STREET	(Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO & Chairman of the Board		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
PEORIA, IL 61629	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (7im)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities A	cquired, 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 (oppor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Prio	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common	05/07/2012		M	42,000 A \$ 25.35	575 167,390 (1)	D	
Common	05/07/2012		F	23,796 D \$ 97.	.615 143,594 <u>(1)</u>	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D)	rities hired (A) sposed of :. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common	0
Employee Stock Option (4)	\$ 25.3575	05/07/2012		M		42,000	<u>(5)</u>	06/12/2012	Common	42,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting Owner Numer Pruntess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	X		CEO & Chairman of the Board			

Signatures

D. R. Oberhelman; L.J. Huxtable, POA

**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 29452 shares in 401K and 9256 shares in dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Caterpillar Inc. common stock.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Right to buy with tandem tax withholding rights.
- (5) Exercisable in thirds beginning 1 year after the initial grant date. (1/3 after one year; 1/3 after two years; 1/3 after three years).

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