

Burke Damian
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Burke Damian (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS, 15710 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD. SUITE 300 (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77032 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2011 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. [KRA] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP - Corporate Development | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 2,633 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Employee Options (Right to Buy) | 08/05/2021 | 08/05/2021 | Common Stock | 13,133 | \$ 22.79 | D |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Burke Damian C/O KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS 15710 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD. SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77032 | | | VP - Corporate Development | |

Signatures

/s/ James L. Simmons as Attorney-in-Fact for Damian Burke

09/20/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 award shall vest in full on the third anniversary of the grant date, August 5, 2011, subject to the executive's being employed by the company on the vesting date.
- (2) The options shall vest with respect to one-third of the underlying common stock on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, August 5, 2011, subject to the executive's being employed by the company on the vesting date.

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