Gourlay Ian Form 4 February 23, 2012

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gourlay Ian

> (First) (Middle)

(Last)

BEAM INC., 510 LAKE COOK ROAD

(Street)

(State)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BEAM INC [NYSE: BEAM]

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

02/21/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) 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 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (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)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.43	02/21/2012		A(1)		10,751		(2)	02/21/2022	Common Stock	10,751
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	02/21/2012		A(4)		2,944		(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	2,944

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gourlay Ian BEAM INC. 510 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015

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Signatures

Leslie W. Jensen, as Attorney-in-Fact for Ian Gourlay

02/23/2012

**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) Reflects the grant of options under the Issuer's 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2013.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) Reflects the grant of restricted stock unit awards payable in shares of the Company's common stock under the Issuer's 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- Full payment of the award will be made in the form of shares of the Company's common stock as of February 21, 2015 if the Reporting (5) Person remains employed with the Company through such date, subject to special provisions in the event of death, disability or termination following a change in control.

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