

Christensen Mark
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Christensen Mark

(Last) (First) (Middle)

224 AIRPORT PARKWAY, SUITE 400

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PIXELWORKS, INC [PXLW]

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

05/15/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2012 | | A | 8,000 A 11 | 61,695 | 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 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.37 | | | | | (2) 05/19/2015 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.43 | | | | | (2) 05/20/2018 | Common Stock | 3,333 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.14 | | | | | (2) 05/22/2017 | Common Stock | 3,333 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Christensen Mark 224 AIRPORT PARKWAY SUITE 400 SAN JOSE, CA 95110 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: Andrew P. Bates For: Mark Christensen
Date: 05/16/2012

__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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the registrant's common stock. The restricted stock units will vest in full on the first to occur of (1) the day before the next annual meeting of the registrant's shareholders that follows the grant date or (2) the first anniversary of the grant date. The restricted stock units will be paid upon vesting, subject to any election by the reporting person to defer payment of the units to a later date.
- (2) 25% vest on the last day of the month of the first anniversary of the date of grant, with the remaining 75% vesting ratably on a monthly basis thereafter over three years.

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