FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIXELWORKS, INC [PXLW] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|----------|----------|--------|--|---|---|---|---------|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| l l | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2012 | | | | | | | | | | r (give title Other (sp.) below) VP, CFO & Treasurer | | | | | | |
| SUITE 4 | 4. If <i>A</i> | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | | | | | Lir | Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | | | |
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| (City) | | | | | | | | | | | | | reisuii | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - I | lon-Deri | vative | Sec | uriti | es A | cquired, | Dis | osed | of, or | Ben | eficia | lly | Owne | t | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. and 5) | | | urities Acquired (A sed Of (D) (Instr. 3 | | | | | es ially | Forn (D) c | n: Direct or rect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amoun | ount (A) or | | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 07/31/ | 2012 |)12 | | | | | 3,00 | 3,000 A | | \$1.9 | (1) | 143,791 | | | D | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | erivative Conversion Date Execution ecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | emed 4. | | 5. action Number | | 6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ble and | 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | amoun curity 4) | ount 8. Price of Derivati Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number derivative Securities Securities Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Insti | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Date | Ex | piration | | or | Amount or Number | | | | | | | | | |
| Niem | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Exercisable | | | Title | | Shares | _ | | | | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$0.6 | | | | | | | | (2) | 03/ | 23/2019 | Commo Stock | n 10 | 0,000 | | | 100,00 | 0 | D | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.28 | | | | | | | | (2) | 02 | 28/2018 | Commo Stock | n 1 | 6,666 | | | 16,666 | 5 | D | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.28 | | | | | | | | (2) | 03/ | 02/2018 | Commo | | ,333 | | | 8,333 | | D | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.36 | | | | | | | | (2) | 02 | 09/2018 | Commo | on 5 | 0,000 | | | 50,000 |) | D | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.13 | | | | | | | | (2) | 02 | 10/2016 | Commo Stock | on 6 | 0,000 | | | 60,000 |) | D | | | | |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|-----|--|---|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 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) | | | vative rities uired r osed) r. 3, | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | of Securi Underlyii | ng e Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.48 | | | | | | | (2) | 02/10/2017 | Common Stock | 60,000 | | 60,000 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$5.25 | | | | | | | (3) | 07/18/2017 | Common Stock | 66,666 | | 66,666 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person is voluntarily reporting the acquisition of shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) and the purchase price reflects the allowable discount allowed under the ESPP. This transaction is exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- 2. Becomes exercisable on a monthly basis over 3 years, commencing the last day of the month of the date of grant.
- 3. 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.

08/01/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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