

Robb Stephen  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol      |  |
| ^ Robb Stephen                            |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | XL GROUP PLC [XL]                                |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 12/22/2010                           |  |  |
| XL HOUSE,^ ONE                            |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                           |  |
| BERMUDIANA ROAD                           |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below)                               | (specify below)  |
| HAMILTON,^ D0^ HM08                       |         |                                      | Corporate Controller                             | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Ordinary Shares                 | 7,550   | 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 (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date |                 | Amount or Number of Shares |          | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Dividend Equivalent Rights           | Â (1)            | Â (1)           | Ordinary Shares | 320.29                     | \$ (1)   | D                          | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 02/21/2008       | 02/21/2018      | Ordinary Shares | 10,000                     | \$ 36.9  | D                          | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | 08/11/2008       | 08/11/2018      | Ordinary Shares | 10,000                     | \$ 19.62 | D                          | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units               | Â (2)            | Â (2)           | Ordinary Shares | 15,326                     | \$ (3)   | D                          | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Robb Stephen<br>XL HOUSE<br>ONE BERMUDIANA ROAD<br>HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM08 | Â             | Â         | Â Corporate Controller | Â     |

## Signatures

John Kelly, Attorney in Fact for Stephen Robb 02/18/2011

\*\*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) Dividend equivalent rights accrued on 2010 restricted stock unit award. Dividends will vest proportionately with the restricted stock units to which they relate. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one XL ordinary share.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units will vest in three equal annual installments, beginning February 28, 2011, provided the reporting person's employment continues through such vesting dates
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one XL ordinary share.

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