

Gooding Valerie F
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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 *
 Gooding Valerie F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 XL GROUP PLC [XL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE BERMUDIANA ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/11/2012

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

HAMILTON, D0 HM 08
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

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)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Ordinary Shares	05/11/2012		A	6,782 (1)	A \$ 0	6,782	D
Ordinary Shares	05/11/2012		F	1,954 (2)	D \$ 22.12	4,828	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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 22.12	05/11/2012		A	5,000	05/11/2012 ⁽³⁾ 05/11/2022	Ordinary Shares 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gooding Valerie F ONE BERMUDIANA ROAD HAMILTON, D0 HM 08	X			

Signatures

John Kelly, Attorney in Fact for Valerie Gooding 05/15/2012

**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) Shares acquired represent the 2012 Director's Annual Stock award. Stock grant was immediately vested as of grant date.
- (2) Shares disposed of represent withholding to satisfy a tax obligation upon vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) The option award is fully vested and exercisable as of grant date.

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