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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 *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP
[CMCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON
PARKWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/19/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - Americas

AMHERST, NY 14228

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	Price		
Common Stock					13,357	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2012		F	27 ⁽¹⁾	D \$ 13.43	13,330	D
Common Stock	05/21/2012		A	5,558 ⁽²⁾	A \$ 0	18,888 ⁽³⁾	D
Common Stock					706.0524 ⁽⁴⁾		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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.45					05/19/2009 05/18/2018	Common Stock 4
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81					10/20/2011 10/19/2018	Common Stock 10
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.27					05/18/2010 05/17/2019	Common Stock 7,
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.24					05/17/2011 05/16/2020	Common Stock 6,
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.5					05/23/2012 05/22/2021	Common Stock 6,
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.43	05/21/2012		A	11,146	<u>(10)</u> 05/20/2022	Common Stock 11

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buer Gene P 140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY AMHERST, NY 14228			VP - Americas	

Signatures

Gene P. Buer

05/22/2012

**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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of 76 restricted stock units on 5/19/2012.

(2) Represents restricted stock units issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of July 26, 2010, subject to forfeiture in whole or part; units become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/21/2013, if reporting person remains a director of issuer.

(3) Includes 14,288 shares of restricted stock issued to reporting person subject to forfeiture in whole or part; 1,024 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 5/18/2013; 76 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 5/19/2013; 4,208 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 50% per year for two years beginning 5/17/2013, 3,422 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, and the remaining 5,558 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/21/2013, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(4) Reports shares allocated to account of reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (the "ESOP").

(5) Exercisable 25% per year for four years, beginning 5/19/09, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(6) Exercisable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 10/20/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(7) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(8) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/17/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(9) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/23/2012, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

(10) Represents non-qualified stock options issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of July 26, 2010; options become exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/21/2013, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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