

GOLDEN STAR RESOURCES LTD
 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 *
 Higson-Smith Bruce

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GOLDEN STAR RESOURCES LTD [GSS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 10901 WEST TOLLER DRIVE, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP Finance & Corp Develop

LITTLETON, CO 80127

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

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

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and An Underlying Sec |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Common Share Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.02 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/13/2012 | A | 159,000 | | 02/13/2012 ⁽²⁾ | 02/13/2022 | Common Shares |
| Share Appreciation Right (SAR) ⁽³⁾ | \$ 1.98 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/13/2012 | A | 106,061 | | 02/13/2015 ⁽⁵⁾ | 12/31/2015 | Common Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Higson-Smith Bruce 10901 WEST TOLLER DRIVE SUITE 300 LITTLETON, CO 80127 | | | Sr VP Finance & Corp Develop | |

Signatures

/s/ Bruce
Higson-Smith 02/15/2012

**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) Options priced in CDN\$ at CDN\$2.02; this amount is the US\$ equivalent (CDN\$ 1.00 = US\$ 0.9982)
- (2) Vesting Schedule is as follows: 25% on grant date, 25% on 1st, 2nd and 3rd anniversaries of grant date.
- (3) SARs are granted pursuant to the Golden Star Resources Ltd. Share Appreciation Rights Plan. All SAR exercises will be settled in cash.
- (4) SARs priced in US\$.
- (5) SARs vest 100% three years from grant date.

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