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FORM 4

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1(b).

Common

Stock

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

Lamb Thomas J Sym			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading /mbol OWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)		
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD		(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2012					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP Marketing & Advertising				
(Street)		4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2012			Code F	V	Amount 600 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 28.38	41,081	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012			F		2,289 (2)	D	\$ 28.38	38,792	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012			A		8,000 (3)	A	\$0	46,792	D	

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

By 401k

Plan

10,796.872

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securit
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.38	03/01/2012		A	38,000	<u>(4)</u>	03/01/2019	Common Stock	38,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lamb Thomas J			SVP				
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD			Marketing &				
MOORESVILLE, NC 28117			Advertising				

Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Felton by power of attorney For: Thomas J. Lamb

03/05/2012

**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) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2007.
- (2) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2009.
- Restricted stock granted pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares will fully vest on March 1, 2015.
- The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2013.

Remarks:

The information provided for the shares held by the 401k Plan in this report are based on a plan statement dated as of February Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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