

CARTERS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Berkshire Partners LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CARTERS INC [CRI]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/03/2011

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

(Street)
BOSTON, MA 02116

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2011 | | P | | \$ 59,800 (1) 29.1347 | D (4) | |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2011 | | P | | \$ 16,300 (1) 29.3655 | D (4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,672,205 | I | See Footnotes (5) (6) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 75,282 | D (7) | |

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| Common Stock | 105,275 | D <u>(8)</u> |
| Common Stock | 53,599 | D <u>(9)</u> |
| Common Stock | 6,944 | D <u>(10)</u> |
| Common Stock | 22,682 | D <u>(11)</u> |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Berkshire Partners LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | | X | | |
| Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116 | | X | | |
| | | X | | |

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- (3) Purchase prices range from \$29.360 to \$29.405 per share, inclusive.
- Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Fund"). Stockbridge Associates LLC ("SA LLC") is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Fund. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Fund and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (4) Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners LLC ("Berkshire Partners"), Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC ("7BA") and Stockbridge Partners LLC ("Stockbridge Partners"). Berkshire Fund VII, L.P. ("Fund VII") has a total ownership of 5,399,436 shares. Berkshire Fund VII-A, L.P. ("Fund VII-A") has a total ownership of 1,009,440 shares. Stockbridge Partners has a total ownership of 263,329 shares on behalf of a managed account.
- (5) 7BA is the sole general partner of Fund VII and Fund VII-A. Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners are under common control and may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each of Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund M, L.P. ("Stockbridge M"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge M. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- (7) Stockbridge M and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (8) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors IV LLC. Berkshire Investors IV LLC may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (9) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors III LLC. Berkshire Investors III LLC may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (10) Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Absolute"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Absolute. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Absolute and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (11) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners.

Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 (Joint Filer Information) incorporated herein by reference.

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