

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/30/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

**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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					180,712	D <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock					77,440	D <u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock					22,682	D <u>(3)</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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## 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		
Stockbridge Partners LLC C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
BERKSHIRE FUND VII L.P. C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02108		X		
BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A L.P. C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR		X		

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Stockbridge Fund, L.P.

C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC X  
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Fund M, L.P.

200 CLARENDON STREET X  
35TH FLOOR  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P.

C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC X  
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Stockbridge Master Fund (OS), L.P.

200 CLARENDON STREET X  
35TH FLOOR  
BOSTON, MA 02116

## Signatures

Sharlyn C. Heslam, Managing Director, Berkshire Partners LLC

04/30/2012

\*\*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).

Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors IV LLC ("Investors IV"). Investors IV may be deemed to be, but does not admit to  
(1) 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.

Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors III LLC ("Investors III"). Investors III may be deemed to be, but does not admit to  
(2) 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.

(3) Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners LLC.

### Remarks:

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

Due to the technical limitation on the amount of transactions that can be reported, this Form 4 is being filed in two parts. This

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