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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Protomold Investment Company, LLC			(Month/Day/Year)	Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
2600 EAGAN WOODS DRIVE, SUITE 150				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
EAGAN, MN 55121				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		(give title below) (specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3,189,648 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	À

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Protomold Investment Company, LLC 2600 EAGAN WOODS DRIVE SUITE 150 EAGAN, MN 55121	X	X		
Smith Brian K 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Catherine M. Verschelden, Attorney-in-Fact for Protomold Investment Company, LLC	02/23/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Catherine M. Verschelden, Attorney-in-Fact for Brian K. Smith	02/23/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- These shares are directly owned by Protomold Investment Company, LLC. Brian Smith is the President of Protomold Investment Company, LLC and a director of the Issuer. Mr. Smith disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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