

HICKS MICHAEL E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
HICKS MICHAEL E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC  
[OMN]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
175 GHENT ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/09/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP Chief Financial Officer

FAIRLAWN, OH 44333-3300

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/09/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	595 A \$ 4.15	190,551	D	
Common Stock	07/09/2012		S	595 D \$ 8.11	189,956	D	
Common Stock					31,665.887	I	Plan Trust

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. P Der Sec (Ins	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.15	07/09/2012		M	595	06/11/2003	12/12/2012	Common Stock	595

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HICKS MICHAEL E 175 GHENT ROAD FAIRLAWN, OH 44333-3300			Sr VP Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

Kristine C. Syrvalin, Attorney-in-fact for Michael E. Hicks

07/11/2012

\*\*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).

These shares represent shares acquired upon the exercise of options granted under the OMNOVA Solutions Inc Amended and Restated (1) 1999 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan on December 12,2002. The options became exercisable in 25% increments on 6/11/03; 12/12/03; 12/12/04 and 12/12/05 and are due to expire later this year on 12/12/12.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.10 to \$8.13, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide OMNOVA Solutions, any shareholders of OMNOVA Solutions or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(3) Shares held in the OMNOVA Solutions Retirement Savings Plan as of 7/9/12 per the Plan Administrator's Records.

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