KROGER CO Form 4 January 02, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * **HELDMAN PAUL W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/24/2012

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE **STREET**

_X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below) **Executive Vice President**

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - N	lon-	Derivative	Secu	rities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/24/2012		Code G	v V	Amount 41,273	(D)	Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 288,023.4828	D	
Common Stock	12/26/2012		G	V	41,000	D	\$0	247,023.4828	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2012		G	V	74,117	D	\$0	172,906.4828 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/24/2012		G	V	41,273	A	\$0	41,273	I	Trust/Family
Common Stock	12/26/2012		G	V	41,000	A	\$0	82,273	I	Trust/Family

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Common Stock 12/28/2012 G V 74,117 A \$ 0 156,390 I Trust/Family

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)

2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title a	nd	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELDMAN PAUL W THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Paul W. Heldman, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact 01/02/2013

**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) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

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