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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP
[CMCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON
PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2011

 Director 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
VP Hoist Products The Americas

(Street)

AMHERST, NY 14228

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 | (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 12,308 <u>(1)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2011 | | F | | 802 <u>(2)</u> | D \$ 18.78 | 11,506 <u>(1)</u> | D |
| Common Stock | 05/18/2011 | | F | | 411 <u>(2)</u> | D \$ 19.04 | 11,095 <u>(1)</u> | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 540.3879 <u>(3)</u> | D | |

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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) | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.45 | | | | | 05/19/2009 | 05/18/2018 | Common Stock | 432 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.81 | | | | | 10/20/2011 | 10/19/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.27 | | | | | 05/18/2010 | 05/17/2019 | Common Stock | 7,680 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.24 | | | | | 05/17/2011 | 05/16/2020 | Common Stock | 6,490 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Buer Gene P 140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY AMHERST, NY 14228 | VP Hoist Products The Americas |

Signatures

Gene P. Buer 05/19/2011

__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).

Includes 8,589 shares of restricted stock issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of May 4, 2006, subject to forfeiture in whole or part; 3,074 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable

- (1) 33.33% for three years beginning 5/18/2011; 228 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 5/19/2011; and the remaining 8,416 shares become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/17/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of 2,104 restricted stock units on 5/17/2011 and 1,025 restricted stock units on 5/18/2011.
- (3) Reports shares allocated to account of reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (the "ESOP").
- (4) Exercisable 25% per year for four years, beginning 5/19/09, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
- (5) Exercisable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 10/20/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
- (6) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
- (7) Exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/17/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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