

DREILING RICHARD W
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FORM 4

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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 *
DREILING RICHARD W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 MISSION RIDGE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/20/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 45.25 | 03/20/2012 | A | 228,226 | | | | | (1) | 03/20/2022 | Common Stock | 228,2 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.9975 | 03/21/2012 | A | 142,857 | | | | | 03/21/2012 | 07/06/2017 | Common Stock | 142,8 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DREILING RICHARD W 100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072 | X | | | Chairman & CEO |

Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan,
Attorney-in-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

03/22/2012
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 option vests in four annual installments of 25% beginning on March 20, 2013.
On January 21, 2008, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 714,285 shares of common stock scheduled to vest in installments of 20% per year based on the Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each of the 2007 through 2011 fiscal years. The performance criteria for each such fiscal year was met, resulting in in the vesting of the option as to 142,857 shares relating to each such year. The number of securities reported in this column includes all such options which remain unexercised as well as all options, whether or not vested, that are subject to time-vesting criteria but have the same exercise price and expiration date as the options reported herein as acquired.
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