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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KLITGAARD WILLIAM E	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COVANCE INC [CVD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
COVANCE INC., 210 CARNEGIE CENTER	(Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2011	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Corporate Sr. Vice President		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec		
PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

							Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secui	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)			Securities Form: Direct Control of Council o		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/17/2011		A	5,821	A	\$0	43,530	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2011		D	1,133 (1)	D	\$ 0	42,397	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2011		F	134	D	\$ 58.37	42,263	D	
Common Stock - 401(k) Pla	n						2,046 (2)	Ι	Held By Trustee

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	erivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year or provided (A) Disposed of Disposed		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.37	02/17/2011		A	16,100	(3)	02/16/2021	Common Stock	16,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KLITGAARD WILLIAM E COVANCE INC. 210 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233

Corporate Sr. Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Ross A. Hyams, Power of Attorney 02/22/2011

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Shares forfeited in accordance with the terms of the applicable restricted stock agreement.
- The securities reported were acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Covance 401(k) plan, a broad-based, tax-qualified employee benefit plan. The information was obtained from the Plan Administrator as of this date. The shares have been accumulated by the Trustee over the employment of the reporting person and the number is based upon the market value of the reporting person's account divided by the then current market price.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting one year from grant date.

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