Alberto-Culver CO Form 4 December 02, 2009

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NICOLETTI RALPH J

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2009

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below) Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

597 REGENCY DRIVE

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

Applicable Line)

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

D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

3. Execution Date, if Code

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Common 12/01/2009 Stock

A 10,300 Α

\$0 45,642

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)

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| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 28.75 | 12/01/2009 | | A | 45,800 | <u>(1)</u> | 11/30/2019 | Common Stock | 45,800 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NICOLETTI RALPH J 597 REGENCY DRIVE LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047

Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Ralph J. Nicoletti

12/02/2009

**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) This option, which was granted under the Employee Stock Option Plan of 2006, vests in four equal annual installments beginning on November 30, 2010.

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