Lautz Matthew Form 4 October 04, 2012

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)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Lautz Matthew

(First) (Middle)

2114 CENTRAL ST., SUITE 600

(Street)

KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NOVATION COMPANIES, INC. [NOVS]

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

10/03/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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

VP & Chief Information Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code 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 (ADisposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.6	10/03/2012		A		200,000		<u>(1)</u>	10/03/2022	Common Stock	200,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
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Lautz Matthew			VP & Chief					
2114 CENTRAL ST. SUITE 600			Information Officer					

Signatures

KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

/s/ Matthew Lautz	10/04/2012			
**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).

75,000 shares immediately upon grant on October 3, 2012; 50,000 shares on the successful completion of certain performance targets on or prior to October 3, 2013 (as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee"), in its sole discretion, but in any case not vesting prior to October 3, 2013); and 75,000 on the achievement of certain financial targets on or prior to October 3, 2015, (as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, but in any case not vesting prior to October 3, 2013).

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