

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MOORTHY GANESH</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED</u> <u>2355 WEST CHANDLER BOULEVARD</u> (Street) <u>CHANDLER</u> <u>AZ</u> <u>85224-6199</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INC [MCHP]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/06/2012</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Exec. VP & COO</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/06/2012		M		3,600	A	\$27.153	83,785 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Trust.
Common Stock	02/06/2012		M		23,000	A	\$27.153	106,785	I	Held by Trust
Common Stock	02/06/2012		M		900	A	\$27.153	107,685	I	By Trust.
Common Stock	02/06/2012		M		6,500	A	\$27.153	114,185	I	By Trust.
Common Stock	02/06/2012		S		34,000	D	\$37.9295	80,185	I	Indirect, by Trust.

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.153	02/06/2012		M			3,600	07/03/2003	04/03/2012	Common Stock	3,600	\$0	0	D	
Common Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.153	02/06/2012		M			23,000	02/17/2005	04/03/2012	Common Stock	39,000	\$0	0	D	
Common Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.153	02/06/2012		M			900	03/31/2005	04/03/2012	Common Stock	24,000	\$0	0	D	
Common Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.153	02/06/2012		M			6,500	02/17/2005	04/03/2012	Common Stock	16,500	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Reporting Person transferred ownership of 12,186 shares from Direct holding to Indirect, by Trust.

Remarks:

Deborah L. Wussler, as Attorney-in-Fact 02/08/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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