

SMITH SEAN T  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SMITH SEAN T

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
15 SECOR ROAD  
(Street)

BROOKFIELD, CT 06804

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PHOTRONICS INC [PLAB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/21/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President & CFO

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 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	02/21/2012		M		16,250 (1)	A	\$ 0.76 97,865 D
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S		16,250 (2)	D	\$ 7.2524 81,615 D (3)

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.76	02/21/2012		M	16,250	<sup>(4)</sup> 11/10/2018	Common Stock	16,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH SEAN T 15 SECOR ROAD BROOKFIELD, CT 06804			Senior Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Richelle E. Burr, attorney-in-fact for Sean T. Smith  
Date: 02/23/2012

\*\*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).
- (1) The exercise of these stock options and subsequent sale of shares were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 1/12/2012.
- (2) Net proceeds to fund children's education.
- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (4) The stock options vest 25% over 4 years on the anniversary date of the grant.

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