

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
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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 \*  
Wells Robert J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
101 WEST PROSPECT AVENUE  
(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO [SHW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/03/2012

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)  
SrVP-Corp Com & Public Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 1,901 A \$ 43.595   | 17,183   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 2,400 A \$ 47.055   | 19,583   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 8,000 A \$ 59.435   | 27,583   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 9,000 A \$ 54.09  | 36,583   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/03/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 20,901 D \$ 122.08  | 15,682   | D                                 |

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|              |            |  |   |     |   |                            |                         |   |            |
|--------------|------------|--|---|-----|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|
| Common Stock | 05/03/2012 |  | S | 400 | D | \$<br>122.62<br><u>(2)</u> | 15,282 <sup>(3)</sup>   | D |            |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |     |   |                            | 5,640.12 <sup>(4)</sup> | I | Stock Plan |

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 (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 43.595  | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,300  | 10/21/2006 10/20/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 1,300                      |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 43.595  | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              | 601  | 10/21/2007 10/20/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 601                        |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 47.055  | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              | 800  | 02/22/2007 02/21/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 800                        |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 47.055  | 05/03/2012                           |  | M                              | 800  | 02/22/2008 02/21/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 800                        |                            |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 47.055 | 05/03/2012 | M | 800   | 02/22/2009 | 02/21/2016 | Common Stock | 800   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 59.435 | 05/03/2012 | M | 2,667 | 10/18/2007 | 10/17/2016 | Common Stock | 2,667 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 59.435 | 05/03/2012 | M | 2,666 | 10/18/2008 | 10/17/2016 | Common Stock | 2,666 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 59.435 | 05/03/2012 | M | 2,667 | 10/18/2009 | 10/17/2016 | Common Stock | 2,667 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 54.09  | 05/03/2012 | M | 3,000 | 10/14/2009 | 10/13/2018 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 54.09  | 05/03/2012 | M | 3,000 | 10/14/2010 | 10/13/2018 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 54.09  | 05/03/2012 | M | 3,000 | 10/14/2011 | 10/13/2018 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Wells Robert J<br>101 WEST PROSPECT AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44115 |               |           | SrVP-Corp Com & Public Affairs |       |

## Signatures

Louis E. Stellato,  
Attorney-in-fact

05/04/2012

\_\_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).

(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$121.55 to \$122.54 inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to The Sherwin-Williams Company, any security holder of The Sherwin-Williams Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$122.59 to \$122.70 inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to The Sherwin-Williams Company, any security holder of The Sherwin-Williams Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.

(3) Of shares listed, 8,775 are restricted.

(4) Represents the approximate number of shares of common stock for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the vote under The Sherwin-Williams Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan per the trustee's 3/31/2012 statement. Shares of common stock are not directly allocated to the Plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock and a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.

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