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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of R Smith Brian K	eporting Person *	Symbol Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approache)			
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MAPLE PLAIN, MN	55359	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	f (D)	uired (A) or Price	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)	
Common Stock	08/22/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	294,396	A	\$ 0	294,396	D		
Common Stock	08/23/2012		S	20,000	D	\$ 32.2505 (2)	274,396	D		

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
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						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith Brian K 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE X MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

Signatures

/s/ Julie M. Regnier, Attorney-in-Fact on behalf for Brian K. Smith

08/23/2012

**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).

The transaction reported on this Form 4 represents a pro rata distribution, and not a purchase or sale of securities, by Protomold Investment Company, LLC ("PIC") to its members without consideration. On February 23, 2012, PIC and Brian K. Smith, due to his

- position as President of PIC and a director of Proto Labs, Inc. (the "Issuer"), filed a joint Form 3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission where PIC reported that it beneficially held 3,189,648 shares of the Issuer's common stock and Mr. Smith disclaimed any beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest. On July 12, 2012, Mr. Smith ceased to be the President, Chief Manager and Governor of PIC and Mr. Smith is now filing reports in his capacity as a director of the Issuer.
- Reflects the weighted average price of 20,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 23, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$32.25 to \$32.27 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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