

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hardin John Wesley</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMETEK INC/ [AME]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) PRES. - ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/02/2012</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>1100 CASSATT ROAD</u> <u>P.O. BOX 1764</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>BERWYN PA 19312-1177</u>								
(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. 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	02/02/2012		M		4,804	A	\$16.8578	46,112	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		S		4,804	D	\$48.17	41,308	D	
401k Plan	02/02/2012		J ⁽²⁾		1	A	\$0	324	I	401k Plan
Common Stock/serp								8,044	D	

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
Stock Option	\$16.8578	02/02/2012		M			4,804	(1)	04/26/2012	Common Stock	4,804	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option	\$22.1778							(3)	04/25/2013	Common Stock	9,148		9,148	D	
Stock Option	\$24.2933							(4)	04/23/2014	Common Stock	11,122		11,122	D	
Stock Option	\$32.4							(5)	04/22/2015	Common Stock	14,568		14,568	D	
Stock Option	\$21.8067							(6)	04/22/2016	Common Stock	44,640		44,640	D	
Stock Option	\$29.38							(7)	04/28/2017	Common Stock	31,755		31,755	D	
Stock Option	\$44.74							(8)	05/02/2018	Common Stock	17,310		17,310	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 27, 2006.
- Represents dividend reinvestment under the Company's 401(k) Plan.
- The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 26, 2007.
- The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 24, 2008.
- The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 23, 2009.
- The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 23, 2010.
- The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 29, 2011.
- The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 3, 2012.

/s/ John W. Hardin

02/02/2012

** 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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