

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 GMT CAPITAL CORP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
 [KRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2300 WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY
 SUITE 550 SOUTH
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2012

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/17/2012		S	D	44,400 (1) (2) (3)	\$ 23.13	4,135,290 (4) D
Common Stock	12/18/2012		S	D	50,100 (1) (2) (5)	\$ 23.54	4,085,190 (6) D

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

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4,135,290 shares of common stock is the aggregate number of shares of common stock owned by the Reporting Persons and is owned as follows: Bay = 575,000 shares directly owned by it; Bay II = 1,084,900 shares directly owned by it; Offshore Fund = 2,187,590 shares directly owned by it; GMT Capital = 170,900 shares of common stock beneficially owned by it with respect to separate client accounts managed by it; Claugus = 116,900 shares directly owned by him.

- (5) The aggregate number of shares of common stock sold was 50,100 shares and such shares were sold by the Reporting Persons in the following amounts: Bay = 6,900 shares; Bay II = 13,100 shares; Offshore Fund = 26,600 shares; GMT Capital = 2,100 shares; Claugus = 1,400 shares.

- (6) 4,085,190 shares of common stock is the aggregate number of shares of common stock owned by the Reporting Persons and is owned as follows: Bay = 568,100 shares directly owned by it; Bay II = 1,071,800 shares directly owned by it; Offshore Fund = 2,160,990 shares directly owned by it; GMT Capital = 168,800 shares of common stock beneficially owned by it with respect to separate client accounts managed by it; Claugus = 115,500 shares directly owned by him.

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