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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Proto Labs Inc [PRLB] A Langton William R. (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) MAPLE PLAIN, MNÂ 55359 Form filed by More than One **EVP** of Finance Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	09/11/2006	Common Stock	210,000	\$ 2.66	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/21/2020	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 7.86	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	Director 10% Owner Officer		Other		
Langton William R. 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359	Â	Â	EVP of Finance	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Catherine M. Verschelden, Attorney-in-Fact for William R.
Langton 02/23/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Fully vested.
- (2) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on December 21, 2011.

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