**OBUS NELSON** Form 4 February 03, 2012

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO [LAYN]				g	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	(		e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year) /2012				_X_ Director Officer (giv below)		6 Owner er (specify	
(City)	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	•	ed Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi	ties l (A) o l of (D	or )	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	02/01/2012			A	411	A	\$0	7,602	D (1)		

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Α) (Γ	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.32	02/01/2012		A	3,245	02/01/2012	02/01/2022	Common Stock	3,245	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
OBUS NELSON						
	X					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jerry W. Fanska, Attorney-in-Fact for Nelson
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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6,912 of the reported shares are held directly by the Reporting Person and 690 of the reported shares are held indirectly by the Reporting Person through Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, a New York limited liability company ("WCM") is the sole general partner of Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"). The Reporting Person is a co-managing member of WCM, and by virture of his positions with WCM and the Partnership.

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