

Alberto-Culver CO  
Form 4  
May 11, 2011

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NICOLETTI RALPH J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

597 REGENCY DRIVE

(Street)

LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/10/2011		D	41,702	\$ 37.5	0	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)**

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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.825	05/10/2011		D		17,175		<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2017	Common Stock	17,175
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.995	05/10/2011		D		15,000		<u>(1)</u>	09/30/2017	Common Stock	15,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.255	05/10/2011		D		29,700		<u>(1)</u>	09/30/2018	Common Stock	29,700
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.75	05/10/2011		D		34,350		<u>(1)</u>	11/30/2019	Common Stock	34,350

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
NICOLETTI RALPH J 597 REGENCY DRIVE LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047	Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

## Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Ralph J. Nicoletti

05/11/2011

\_\_\_\_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).

(1) This option is exercisable in full.

(2) The price of the derivative security is calculated by subtracting the exercise price of the derivative security in column 2 from \$37.50.

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