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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement **BIG LOTS INC [BIG]** A Smart Steven Ray (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 300 PHILLIP ROAD (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 COLUMBUS, OHÂ 43228 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Senior Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 15,000 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 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date	and	3. Title and A Securities Un		4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Ionth/Day/Year)	Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Data Evaraicable Ev	sable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
	Da					or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Purchase Option	02/24/2010(1)	02/24/2013	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 12.66	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	(2)	03/13/2014	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 28.73	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	(3)	03/07/2015	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 21.06	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	(4)	03/06/2016	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 17.47	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	(5)	03/05/2017	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 35.92	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smart Steven Ray 300 PHILLIP ROAD COLUMBUS Â OHÂ 43228	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â			

Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, attorney in fact for Steven Ray
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03/31/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) The date upon which the Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.
- (2) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 13, 2008.
- (3) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2009.
- (4) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2010.
- (5) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 5, 2011.

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