

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thompson Jeffrey D.</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/03/2012</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BERRY PLASTICS GROUP INC [BERY]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP & Chief Legal Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>101 OAKLEY STREET</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) <u>EVANSVILLE IN 47710</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>44,112</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>09/20/2016</u>	<u>Common Stock</u> 56,154	<u>8.16</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>01/01/2017</u>	<u>Common Stock</u> 71,625	<u>8.16</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. All options are vested.
2. Granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. All options are vested.

/s/ Jeffrey D. Thompson

10/03/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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).

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