FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person – DENNIS KIMBERLY K | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hillenbrand, Inc. [HI] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|---|--------------------|--------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE BATESVILLE BOULEVARD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2011 | | | | | | | XOf | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior Vice President | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | _X_ Form | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| BATESVILLE, IN 47006 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | cquired, Dis | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
| (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | curities Beneficially g Reported | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) Pr | rice | | | | (I) (Instr. 4) | (111541: 1) |
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | Code Securitie | | | 6. Date Exerc Date (Month/Day/ | nvertibl sable and | e securities) | 7. Title and of Underlyi Securities | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security Direct (I or Indire | Ownershi (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expi | ration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to | \$ 22.26 | 12/06/2011 | | A | | 27,762 | | 12/06/2012 | 12/0 | 06/2021 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 27,762 | \$ 0 | 27,762 | D | |
| Buy) | | | | | ۰ | | L | ļ | | | ļ | <u> </u> | | | _ | _ |

| Ī | | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| | DENNIS KIMBERLY K ONE BATESVILLE BOULEVARD BATESVILLE, IN 47006 | | | Senior Vice President | | | |

Signatures

| Carol A. Roell as Attorney-in-Fact for Kimberly K. Dennis | 12/08/2011 |
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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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- ($\bf 1$) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date indicated.

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