

STAPLES CATHY O  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 STAPLES CATHY O

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 7733 FORSYTH BOULEVARD,  
 SUITE 800  
 (Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BELDEN INC. [BDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/25/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/25/2010		M		10,000	A	\$ 19.075 57,390
Common Stock	03/25/2010		S		577	D	\$ 25.38 56,813
Common Stock	03/25/2010		S		3,000	D	\$ 25.4 53,813
Common Stock	03/25/2010		S		300	D	\$ 25.4006 53,513
Common Stock	03/25/2010		S		2,323	D	\$ 25.41 51,190

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Common Stock	03/25/2010	S	377	D	\$ 25.42	50,813	D
Common Stock	03/25/2010	S	123	D	\$ 25.4201	50,690	D
Common Stock	03/25/2010	S	300	D	\$ 25.4211	50,390	D
Common Stock	03/25/2010	S	100	D	\$ 25.43	50,290	D
Common Stock	03/25/2010	S	2,900	D	\$ 25.44	47,390	D
Common Stock	03/25/2010	M	5,167	A	\$ 11.92	52,557	D
Common Stock	03/25/2010	D	<u>3,311</u> (1)	D	\$ 25.465	49,246	D
Common Stock	03/26/2010	S	556	D	\$ 25.61	48,690	D
Common Stock	03/26/2010	S	100	D	\$ 25.6201	48,590	D
Common Stock	03/26/2010	S	856	D	\$ 25.64	47,734	D
Common Stock	03/26/2010	S	100	D	\$ 25.6401	47,634	D
Common Stock	03/26/2010	S	244	D	\$ 25.65	47,390	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of
				Code	V (A) (D)				

Stock Options	\$ 19.075	03/25/2010	M	10,000	02/23/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/23/2014	Common Stock	1
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 11.92	03/25/2010	M	5,167	02/24/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/24/2019	Common Stock	5

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STAPLES CATHY O 7733 FORSYTH BOULEVARD, SUITE 800 ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			SVP, Human Resources	

## Signatures

/s/ Cathy O.  
Staples

03/26/2010

\*\*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 represents the difference between the number of SARs exercised (5,167) and the number of shares issued as a result of the exercise (1,856). The number of shares to be issued under a SAR exercise is determined by multiplying the number of SARs being exercised by the difference between the FMV on the date of exercise (\$25.465) and the exercise price (\$11.92). Additional shares are then withheld to satisfy the Company's tax withholding obligations.
  - (2) The options became exercisable in three equal annual installments on February 23, 2005, February 23, 2006 and February 23, 2007.
  - (3) 5,167 SARs became exercisable on February 24, 2010. The remaining 10,333 SARs will become exercisable in equal installments on February 24, 2011 and February 24, 2012.

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