

Ottinger Eric H
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ottinger Eric H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
 [LKFN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

12133 EAGLE CREEK PLACE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

FORT WAYNE, IN 46814

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2011	^	J4 ⁽¹⁾	15 A \$ 22.37	530	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	800	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/05/2012	02/05/2012 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	3,314
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	03/15/2012	03/15/2012 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	2,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/01/2013	02/01/2013 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/01/2014	02/01/2014 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.185	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.595	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	10/11/2010	10/11/2015	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Ottinger Eric H
12133 EAGLE CREEK PLACE Â Â Â Executive Vice President Â
FORT WAYNE,Â INÂ 46814

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/10/2012

__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) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2011.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futuruue date and do not have an expiration date.
- (4) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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