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1. Name and A STERLING	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC [DAR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 251 O'CON BLVD., SU	NOR RIDGE	(Month/D R RIDGE 03/06/20						Director 10% Owner Softicer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, General Counsel and Sec.			
Filed				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
IRVING, TX 75038								Person			
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deem (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/Day		Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acqui Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) F			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	rities Form: Direct Indirect ficially (D) or Beneficial ed Indirect (I) Ownership wing (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) orted saction(s)		
Common Stock	03/06/2012			A	25,727	A	\$0	129,077	D		
Common Stock	03/06/2012			F	1,701	D	\$ 16.6	127,376	D		

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 16.98	03/06/2012		A	11,639	<u>(1)</u>	03/06/2022	Common Stock	11,639

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STERLING JOHN F 251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD. SUITE 300 IRVING, TX 75038

EVP, General Counsel and Sec.

Signatures

John F. Sterling 03/08/2012

**Signature of 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) Options granted pursuant to the 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan to purchase 2,909 shares become exercisable on 03/06/12 and 2,910 shares become exercisable on 03/06/13, 03/06/14 and 03/06/15.

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