

Hobbs Nicholas
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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 *
 Hobbs Nicholas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HUNT J B TRANSPORT SERVICES INC [JBHT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 615 JB HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE, PO BOX 130
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/16/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP/President DCS

LOWELL, AR 72745

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

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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/16/2012		M			4,000	A	\$ 6.55	34,265	D	
Common Stock	10/16/2012		M			3,200	A	\$ 12.2	37,465	D	
Common Stock	10/16/2012		M			9,600	A	\$ 20.36	47,065	D	
Common Stock	10/16/2012		S			16,800	D	\$ 58.367	30,265	D	
Common Stock (k)									21,966	D	

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Right to Buy Stock Option	\$ 6.55	10/16/2012		M	4,000	06/01/2011	11/26/2013	Common Stock	4,000
Right to Buy Stock Option	\$ 12.2	10/16/2012		M	3,200	06/01/2011	10/23/2014	Common Stock	3,200
Right to Buy Stock Option	\$ 20.36	10/16/2012		M	9,600	06/01/2010	10/21/2015	Common Stock	9,600
Restricted Stock	\$ 0					07/15/2011	08/15/2013	Common Stock	1,100
Restricted Stock	\$ 0					07/15/2011	08/15/2014	Common Stock	1,760
Restricted Stock	\$ 0					07/15/2011	08/15/2015	Common Stock	2,640
Restricted Stock	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					07/15/2011	08/15/2020	Common Stock	24,000
Restricted Stock	\$ 0					07/15/2012	08/15/2015	Common Stock	4,400
Restricted Stock	\$ 0					07/15/2012	08/15/2016	Common Stock	16,800
Restricted Stock	\$ 0					07/14/2014	08/15/2017	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hobbs Nicholas 615 JB HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE PO BOX 130 LOWELL, AR 72745			EVP/President DCS	

Signatures

/s/ Debbie Willbanks, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Hobbs	10/25/2012
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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).

The restricted stock award, approved by the company's compensation committee, vests over a ten-year period. There is no purchase price associated with the award upon exercise. Forfeiture of the award will occur only upon termination of employment with the company. Mr. Hobbs received this award as part of his total compensation package upon promotion EVP.

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