

Wierdsma Thomas M
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FORM 4

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Wierdsma Thomas M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE
 700, 621 NW 53RD STREET
 (Street)

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GEO GROUP INC [GEO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/12/2012

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 - Project Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Restricted Stock | 03/12/2012 | | A | (A) or (D) Amount 15,000 (1) | \$ 0 29,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,823 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 100 | I | By self as custodian for B. Wierdsma |
| Common Stock | | | | | 100 | I | By self as custodian for Oliver |

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|--------------|-----|---|---|
| Common Stock | 100 | I | Thomas Adams By self as custodian for Lauren Diane Wierdsma |
| Common Stock | 100 | I | By Self as custodian for Robert Oliver Weirdsman |

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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.625 | | | | | 01/18/2007 | 01/18/2017 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 16.69 | | | | | 10/30/2008 | 10/30/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.07 | | | | | 10/28/2009 | 10/28/2019 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.61 | | | | | 03/01/2011 | 03/01/2021 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wierdsma Thomas M ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE 700 621 NW 53RD STREET BOCA RATON, FL 33487 | | | SVP - Project Development | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas M. Wierdsma By: John J. Bulfin as
Attorney-in-Fact

03/14/2012

__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).

This grant of restricted stock of The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO") will vest in three equal annual increments beginning on August 15, 2013 (1) and on each of the two anniversary dates thereafter. This grant will be forfeited if GEO does not achieve certain targeted revenue for its fiscal year ending December 30, 2012, as certified by the compensation committee.

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