

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 GABELLI MARIO J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
 [GAB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/23/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Executive Officer

C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC, ONE CORPORATE CENTER  
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RYE, NY 10580

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Subscription Rights for Series G Cumulative Preferred Stock	07/23/2012		P	50,000 A	\$ 0.0191 50,000	I	By GAMCO Investors, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GABELLI MARIO J C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580	X		Chief Executive Officer	
GAMCO INVESTORS, INC. ET AL ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580				Owner of Adviser
GGCP, INC. 140 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830				Majority shareholder of GAMCO
MJG IV LIMITED PARTNERSHIP				Limited Partnership

## Signatures

Thomas J. Hearity as Attorney-in-Fact for Mario J. Gabelli 07/25/2012

\_\_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).

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The subscription rights reported reflect the total shares owned by GAMCO Investors, Inc. (GAMCO). Mario J. Gabelli is the Chairman,

- (1) Chief Executive Officer, and controlling shareholder of GAMCO. Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in GAMCO and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by it which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

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