

STEPHENS W THOMAS  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
STEPHENS W THOMAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BOISE INC., 1111 WEST JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 200

(Street)

BOISE, ID 83702-5388

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BOISE INC. [BZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2010

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/15/2010		M		232,558	A	\$ 0 268,658
Common Stock	03/15/2010		A		18,315	A	\$ 0 286,973 <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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/15/2010		M		232,558	(3) (3)	Common Stock	232,558

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEPHENS W THOMAS  
C/O BOISE INC.  
1111 WEST JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 200  
BOISE, ID 83702-5388

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## Signatures

/s/ Karen Gowland, Attorney-in-Fact for W. Thomas Stephens

03/17/2010

\*\*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).

Mr. Stephens' 286,973 shares include 36,100 shares held directly; his 2009 service-condition vesting restricted stock unit award of (1) 232,558 units, which vested in full on March 15, 2010; and his March 15, 2010, service-condition vesting restricted stock award of 18,315 shares, which will vest on March 15, 2011.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Boise Inc. common stock.

(3) Mr. Stephens' 232,558 service-condition vesting restricted stock units vested in full on March 15, 2010.

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