

Adams David Charles
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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 *
 Adams David Charles

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CURTISS WRIGHT CORP [CW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/19/2009

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Co-Chief Operating Officer

C/O CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION, 10 WATERVIEW BOULEVARD

(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
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PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/19/2009		A ⁽¹⁾		17,050	A	\$ 28.77 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	05/20/2009		S ⁽³⁾		5,633	D	\$ 29.2 ⁽⁴⁾

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 Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 30.23 (5)					11/17/2009 11/17/2018	Common Stock	67,113

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Adams David Charles C/O CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION 10 WATERVIEW BOULEVARD PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054			Co-Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

Paul J. Ferdenzi by Power of Attorney for David Adams
05/21/2009
**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).
- (1) These shares were acquired through a performance share grant under the Company's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan, whereby the executive received a predetermined number of shares of Curtiss-Wright Common Stock based on the Company's aggregated three year performance to its budget and its aggregated three year performance against the performance of its peer group.
- (2) Price is based on the closing price as reported by the New York Stock Exchange for the Corporation's Common Stock as of May 19, 2009.
- (3) Shares were sold in compliance with the Company's share ownership guidelines whereby the executive may sell one half of the vested shares to pay individual income tax obligations associated with the vesting of the award.
- (4) Weighted average selling price of shares sold on May 20, 2009.
- (5) Average exercise price for all previously issued stock option grants.

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