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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 4

Transactions Reported

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FLOOR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Symbol

STERLING BANCORP [STL]

12/31/2012

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last) (Middle)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)

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

650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Senior VP and Controller 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10019

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Acquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration Date	Underlying Securiti
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative		

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Derivative Securities
Security Acquired
(A) or
Disposed
of (D)
(Instr. 3,
4, and 5)

(A) (D) Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

or Numb of

Amou

Share

Non-qualified

stock option (right to buy) \$ 17.99 $\^{A}$ $\^{A}$ $\^{A}$ $\^{A}$ $\^{A}$ $\^{A}$ $\^{A}$ 03/15/2012 03/15/2017 $\ragged{common Stock} 5,00$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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650 FIFTH AVENUE \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Senior VP and Controller \hat{A}

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10019

Signatures

Seth Ugelow 02/12/2013

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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) Non-qualified stock options become exercisable commencing on the fifth anniversary of the grant date for a term of ten years from grant date.

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