

WELSH JAMES K  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>WELSH JAMES K<br>(Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>08/16/2010 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>WESTERN DIGITAL CORP [WDC] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>EVP & GM, Branded Products | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
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C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION, 20511 LAKE FOREST DRIVE  
(Street)

LAKE FOREST, CA 92630-7741  
(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 42,948   | D   | ^  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                                      | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/04/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/04/2016      | Common Stock | 49,504                     | \$ 16.85 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/08/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> | 11/08/2016      | Common Stock | 1,894                      | \$ 19.4  | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/12/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> | 09/12/2014      | Common Stock | 7,708                      | \$ 23.46 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/11/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> | 09/11/2015      | Common Stock | 19,197                     | \$ 23.78 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/06/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> | 02/06/2015      | Common Stock | 9,751                      | \$ 28.09 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/10/2010 <sup>(6)</sup> | 09/10/2016      | Common Stock | 20,655                     | \$ 35.75 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |                              |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                        |
| WELSH JAMES K<br>C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION<br>20511 LAKE FOREST DRIVE<br>LAKE FOREST, CA 92630-7741 | Â             | Â         | Â       | EVP & GM, Branded Products Â |

## Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Garcia Attorney-in-Fact For: James K. Welsh  
08/23/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of February 4, 2009, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through August 4, 2010. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on February 4, 2013.

(2) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of November 8, 2006, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through August 8, 2010. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest in full on November 8, 2010.

(3) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of September 12, 2007, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through June 12, 2010. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on September 12, 2011.

(4) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of September 11, 2008, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through June 11, 2010. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on September 11, 2012.

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The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of February 6, 2008, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through August 6, 2010. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on February 6, 2012.

- (6) The option vests 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% at the end of each three-month period thereafter.

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