

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Aberdeen Asset Management LTD | | | (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2012 | | ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC [IAF] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 1735 MARKET STREET,Â 32ND FLOOR | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Street) | | | ___ Director ___ 10% Owner | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| PHILADELPHIA,Â PAÂ 19103 | | | ___ Officer ___X_ Other (give title below) (specify below) | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Investment Adviser | | ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | | | |

Shares or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Aberdeen Asset Management LTD 1735 MARKET STREET 32ND FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103 | ^ | ^ | ^ | Investment Adviser |

Signatures

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| Matt Woodward as attorney-in-fact for Aberdeen Asset Management Limited | 02/06/2012 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * 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).

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