FORM 3

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

<u>Starboard Principal Co LP</u>

830 THIRD AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 830 THIRD AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR					Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner				5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street) NEW YORK NY	10022				Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			cify	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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Common Stock, No Par Value ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾						11,224,637	I			By Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd ⁽³⁾		
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This Form 3 is filed jointly by Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd ("Starboard V&O Fund"), Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC ("Starboard LLC"), Starboard Value LP"), Starboard Value GP LLC ("Starboard Value GP"), Jeffrey C. Smith, Mark Mitchell and Peter A. Feld (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). Each Reporting Person is a member of a reporting group that owns in the aggregate more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. As such, each Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock.
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- 3. Shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Starboard V&O Fund. Starboard Value LP, as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Starboard V&O Fund. Each of Starboard Value GP, as the general partner of Starboard Value LP, Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co and Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld as members of Principal GP and as members of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Starboard V&O Fund.
- 4. Shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Starboard LLC. Starboard Value LP, as the manager of Starboard LLC, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Starboard LLC. Each of Starboard Value GP, as the general partner of Starboard Value LP, Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co and Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld as members of Principal GP and as members of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Starboard LLC.
- 5. Shares held in accounts managed by Starboard Value LP. Starboard Value GP, as the general partner of Starboard Value LP, Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co and Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld as members of Principal GP and as members of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Starboard Value LP.

Starboard Value LP; By: Starboard Value GP LLC; By: 09/14/2012 /s/ Jeffrey C. Smith, **Authorized Signatory** Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd; By: Starboard Value LP; By: /s/ 09/14/2012 Jeffrey C. Smith, Authorized <u>Signatory</u> Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC; By: Starboard Value LP; By: /s/ 09/14/2012 Jeffrey C. Smith, Authorized **Signatory** Starboard Value GP LLC; By: Starboard Principal Co LP; By: 09/14/2012 /s/ Jeffrev C. Smith, **Authorized Signatory** Starboard Principal Co LP; By:Starboard Principal Co GP 09/14/2012 LLC; By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Smith, **Authorized Signatory** Starboard Principal Co GP LLC; By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Smith, 09/14/2012 **Authorized Signatory** By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Smith 09/14/2012 Mark R. Mitchell; By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Smith, Attorney in 09/14/2012 Fact Peter A. Feld; By: /s/ Jeffrey C. 09/14/2012 Smith, Attorney in Fact ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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