FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Golden Michael F				SN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH & WESSON HOLDING CORP SWHC					(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2100 ROOSEVELT AVENUE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2011					>	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and CEO					
(Street) SPRINGFIELD MA 01104 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	e I - Non-De	ivative	e Sec	curities	Acc	quired, Dis	sposed o	f, or Ben	eficially	/ Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr) 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) tion Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amount of 4 and Securities Beneficially Owned Followin		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Code V				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			nstr. 4)	
	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	ercise (Month/Day/Year) if any of ative (Month/D		Date, Transaction Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	OV FO Di or (I)	o. wnership orm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.57	07/12/2011		A		54,200		(1)	07/12/2021	Common Stock	54,200	\$0.00	54,200)	D	
Performance Rights	(2)	07/12/2011		A		67,200		(2)	07/12/2014	Common Stock	67,200	\$0.00	67,200)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. One-third of the total number of options granted shall vest and become exercisable on each of the first, second, and third anniversary of the date of grant.
- 2. Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock. The performance rights vest based on achievement of certain target performance of the Issuer's stock price over a three year performance period. The number represents the maximum number of shares that may be delivered pursuant to the award.

Remarks:

<u>Jeffrey D. Buchanan, as</u> attorney-in-fact <u>07/14/2011</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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