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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] WHITE JOHN DAVID			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>POWELL INDUSTRIES INC</u> [POWL]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to (Check all applicable) X Director 10%				
(Last) 8550 MOSLEY	(Last) (First) (Middle) 8550 MOSLEY ROAD		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2013		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabl				
HOUSTON TX	77075		X	Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (I 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(iiisti: 4)
Common Stock	01/04/2013		Α		500 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	500 ⁽²⁾	D	

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents initial prorated grant of restricted stock for new director; all 500 shares will vest on 02/20/14 based on continued service.

2. Includes 500 shares of restricted stock that have time-based vesting provision.

Remarks:

Don R. Madison, Power of Attorney for John D. White

01/07/2013

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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