

State Auto Financial CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RESTREPO ROBERT P JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 518 E. BROAD STREET  
 (Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/03/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President, CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares without Par Value					2,757.721 (1)	I	By 401(k) plan
Common Shares without Par Value					10,235.894 (2)	I	By Non-qualified deferred compensation plan
Common Shares without	03/03/2014		F(3)	5,560 D	\$ 78,594.593 (4)	D	
					19.98 (3)		

Par Value  
Common  
Shares  
without  
Par Value

2,985 <sup>(5)</sup> 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 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RESTREPO ROBERT P JR 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215	X		Chairman, President, CEO	

## Signatures

/s/Robert P. Restrepo, Jr. by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 5/7/07.

03/05/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Includes the following acquisitions: 11,546 shares acquired in June 2013; 10,232 shares acquired in September 2013 and 10,011 shares acquired in December 2013 thru the 401(k) account.

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- (2) Includes the following acquisitions: 60.881 shares acquired in June 2013; 53.567 shares acquired in September 2013 and 52.295 shares acquired in December 2013 thru the Incentive Deferred Compensation Plan.

Represents common shares surrendered by the reporting person to STFC (or disposed to the issuer thereof) for payment of tax liability incident to a prior stock award of 16,707 common shares which vested on March 3, 2014. Prior thereto, such disposition to the issuer had

- (3) been approved by the STFC Compensation Committee pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e) and is therefore exempt from the provisions of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The price per share of \$19.98 represents the closing price of STFC's common shares on March 3, 2014.

- (4) Includes the following acquisitions: 157.150 shares acquired in June 2013; 134.471 shares acquired in September 2013 and 135.452 shares acquired in December 2013 as dividend reinvestment.

- (5) Includes the following acquisitions: 2,985.00 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment on Restricted Shares.

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