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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cleveland Bradley A.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/23/2012	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE (Street)				(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer Other		Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting	
MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359				(give title below) (specify below) President and CEO		ow)	Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	rivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	-	
Common Sto	ck		1,246,182		I	•	radley A. Cleveland aration of Trust	
Common Stock			140,000		I	By JMC 2011 Irrevocable Gift Trust $\underline{^{(1)}}$		
Common Sto	ck		140,000		I	By K Trust	EC 2011 Irrevocable Gift	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefici owned directly or indirectly.				ially S	EC 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)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

(I)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Amount or Title Number of

Shares

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Cleveland Bradley A. 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MNÂ 55359

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Reporting Owners

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President and CEO Â

Signatures

/s/ Catherine M. Verschelden, Attorney-in-Fact for Bradley A. Cleveland

02/23/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
- (1) The reporting person has no voting rights over the shares and disclaims beneficial ownership.

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