

STASYSZEN RICHARD E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STASYSZEN RICHARD E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STAGE STORES INC [SSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10201 MAIN STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Finance and Controller

HOUSTON, TX 77025

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2012		M	12,000 A \$ 15.87	30,271	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2012		S	12,000 (1) D \$ 25	18,271	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 15.87	12/18/2012		M	3,000	03/28/2009 03/28/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 15.87	12/18/2012		M	3,000	03/28/2010 03/28/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 15.87	12/18/2012		M	3,000	03/28/2011 03/28/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 15.87	12/18/2012		M	3,000	03/28/2012 03/28/2015	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STASYSZEN RICHARD E 10201 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77025			SVP, Finance and Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Richard E. Stasyszen
12/19/2012

**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) This sale was made pursuant to a pre-established, written plan for trading securities pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 adopted by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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