

## **DOLLAR GENERAL CORP**

# Reported by SPARKS GREGORY A

#### FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

### Filed 03/22/12 for the Period Ending 03/20/12

Address 100 MISSION RIDGE

GOODLETTSVILLE, TN, 37072

Telephone 6158554000

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SIC Code 5331 - Retail-Variety Stores

Industry Discount Stores

Sector Consumer Cyclicals

Fiscal Year 02/02



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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *				2. Is								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
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(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director 10% Owner					
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100 MISSION I	RIDGE						3/2	20/201	12			EVP, Store O	perations	S		
	(Street)			4. If	Ar	nendment,	Date	Origin	al Fi	iled (MM	/DD/YYYY	) 6. Individual o	r Joint/Gi	roup Filing	g (Check Ap	plicable
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		2. Trans. Date	te Deemed C		Code	. Trans. Code Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		Follov (Instr.	Form: Direct (			Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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	Table II	- Derivat	ive Secur	ities Be	nef	icially Ow	ned (	e.g. , p	puts,	, calls, v	varrants,	options, conve	rtible sec	curities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date	Deemed	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 5)	of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$45.25	3/20/2012		A		37440		(1)	3	3/20/2022	Common Stock	37440	\$ 0	37440	D	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

(1) The option vests in four annual installments of 25% beginning on March 20, 2013.

Reporting Owners

Paparting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Sparks Gregory A								
100 MISSION RIDGE			:					
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072	,		_					

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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).
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