

SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**THOMPSON PETER J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT  
 INT'L, INC., 100 NORTH POINT  
 CENTER EAST, STE 600

(Street)

ALPHARETTA, GA 30022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT  
 INTERNATIONAL INC [SWM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/16/2010**

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)  
 EVP Finance & Strat Plan

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
| SWM Common Stock                | 02/16/2010                           |  | S                              | 6,847   | D \$ 50   | 16,841 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D  |
| SWM Common Stock                | 02/16/2010                           |  | M                              | 6,528   | A \$ 19.35  | 23,369   | D  |
| SWM Common Stock                | 02/16/2010                           |  | M                              | 2,339   | A \$ 23.045   | 25,708   | D  |

SWM  
Common Stock 02/16/2010 M 3,000 A \$ 24.525 28,708 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 19.35   | 02/16/2010                           |  | M                              | 6,528   | 01/08/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/07/2011                     | SWM Common Stock  | 18,35                      |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 23.045  | 02/16/2010                           |  | M                              | 2,339   | 01/15/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/14/2012                     | SWM Common Stock  | 16,65                      |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)_      | \$ 24.525  | 02/16/2010                           |  | M                              | 3,000   | 01/02/2004 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/01/2013                     | SWM Common Stock  | 15,90                      |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THOMPSON PETER J  
C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INT'L, INC.  
100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, STE 600

EVP Finance & Strat Plan

ALPHARETTA, GA 30022

## Signatures

Honor Winks as attorney-in-fact for Peter  
Thompson

02/17/2010

\_\_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 22 shares of SWM common stock acquired from 8/11/09 - 2/16/10 in the Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc. 401(k) savings plan.
- (2) Grant became fully exercisable 1/8/2004.
- (3) This transaction is an option exercise.
- (4) Grant became fully exercisable 1/15/2005.
- (5) Grant became fully exercisable 1/2/2006.

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