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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NICOLETTI RALPH J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
597 REGENCY DRIVE			12/03/2010	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	Securities F Beneficially (I Owned Ir	(D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/03/2010		M	100	A	\$ 28.75	43,629	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2010		S	100	D	\$ 37.34	43,529	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on for 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)	
				Code V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.75	12/03/2010		M	1	100	<u>(1)</u>	11/30/2019	Common Stock	100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NICOLETTI RALPH J 597 REGENCY DRIVE LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047

Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Ralph J. Nicoletti

12/06/2010

**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) This option became exercisable in four equal increments beginning on 11/30/2010.

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