

Smith Brian K  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Smith Brian K

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE  
(Street)

MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/22/2012

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)

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                    | 08/22/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 294,396   | A  | \$ 0                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 08/23/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 20,000  | D  | \$ 32.2505                                 |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                         |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Smith Brian K<br>5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE<br>MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Julie M. Regnier, Attorney-in-Fact on behalf for Brian K. Smith

08/23/2012

\_\_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) The transaction reported on this Form 4 represents a pro rata distribution, and not a purchase or sale of securities, by Protomold Investment Company, LLC ("PIC") to its members without consideration. On February 23, 2012, PIC and Brian K. Smith, due to his position as President of PIC and a director of Proto Labs, Inc. (the "Issuer"), filed a joint Form 3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission where PIC reported that it beneficially held 3,189,648 shares of the Issuer's common stock and Mr. Smith disclaimed any beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest. On July 12, 2012, Mr. Smith ceased to be the President, Chief Manager and Governor of PIC and Mr. Smith is now filing reports in his capacity as a director of the Issuer.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price of 20,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on August 23, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$32.25 to \$32.27 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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