

WINLAND ELECTRONICS INC  
 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 \*  
 DEPETRA THOMAS J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WINLAND ELECTRONICS INC  
 [WEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 14433 ENCLAVE CT. NW  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/29/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/29/2008		P(1)	1,387 A \$ 0.6167	11,982	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. 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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3					05/11/2004	05/11/2009	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.11					05/10/2005	05/10/2015	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.48					05/09/2006	05/09/2016	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.28					05/08/2007	05/08/2017	Common Stock	5,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.74					<u>(2)</u>	05/06/2014	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEPETRA THOMAS J 14433 ENCLAVE CT. NW PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas F. Steichen as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas J. de Petra pursuant to Power of Attorney previously filed.

12/29/2008

\_\_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) Purchase effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 30, 2008.

(2) Original option (50,000 shares) is exercisable in increments of 10,000 shares on each of May 6, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

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