

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SCHWARZ MARK E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 CRESCENT COURT, STE 1400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/30/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman / see attached explanation

DALLAS, TX 75201

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/30/2012 | | J | 37,280 A | \$ 0 4,952,857 | I (1) (2) (3) (4) | see footnotes |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHWARZ MARK E 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201 | X | X | Chairman | see attached explanation |
| NEWCASTLE PARTNERS L P 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | | see attached explanation |
| NEWCASTLE CAPITAL GROUP LLC 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | | see attached explanation |
| NEWCASTLE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | | see attached explanation |
| Newcastle Focus Fund II LP 200 CRESCENT COURT SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | | see attached explanation |
| DETROIT STOKER Co 1510 E. FIRST ST. MONROE, MI 48161 | | | | see attached explanation |
| DSC Services, Inc. 200 CRESCENT COURT SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | | see attached explanation |

Signatures

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| /s/ Mark E. Schwarz | 04/04/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| Newcastle Partners, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member | 04/04/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member | 04/04/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member | 04/04/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| Focus Fund II, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member | 04/04/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| Detroit Stoker Company, L.L.C. | 04/04/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| DSC Services, Inc. | 04/04/2012 |
| __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).

The Reporting Persons are members of a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and accordingly may be deemed to beneficially own Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned in the aggregate by the other members of the Section 13(d) group. The Section 13(d) group consists of Newcastle Partners, L.P. ("NP"), Newcastle Capital Management, L.P.

(1) ("NCM"), Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. ("NCG"), Newcastle Focus Fund II, L.P. ("NFF"), DSC Services Inc. ("DSC"), the Detroit Stoker Company ("Detroit Stoker") and Mark E. Schwarz ("Schwarz"). Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by the other members of the Section 13(d) group except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

NCM is the general partner of each of NP and NFF. NCG is the general partner of NCM, and Schwarz is the managing member of NCG.

(2) Accordingly, each of NCM, NCG and Schwarz may be deemed to beneficially own the shares directly owned by any of NP and NFF. In addition, DSC is the parent company of Detroit Stoker, and Schwarz and NCG together own all of the outstanding shares of DSC. Accordingly, each of Schwarz and DSC may be deemed to beneficially own the shares directly owned by Detroit Stoker.

(3) Mark Schwarz owns 130,806 shares of common stock and 100,713 options exercisable into shares of common stock.

(4) Constitutes a distribution of shares to Schwarz from NFF as of March 30, 2012.

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