

MCCARTNEY JOHN  
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**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 \*  
MCCARTNEY JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COVANCE INC., 210 CARNEGIE CENTER

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COVANCE INC [CVD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2012

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/13/2012		M	2,800 A \$ 39.88	5,473	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2012		M	1,867 A \$ 54.42	7,340	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2012		M	933 A \$ 52.39	8,273	D	
Common Stock					515	I	By J. McCartney Trust

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Directors Stock Option Plan	\$ 39.88	12/13/2012		M	2,800	<sup>(1)</sup> 05/05/2019	Common Stock	2,800
Directors Stock Option Plan	\$ 54.42	12/13/2012		M	1,867	<sup>(1)</sup> 01/03/2020	Common Stock	1,867
Directors Stock Option Plan	\$ 52.39	12/13/2012		M	933	<sup>(1)</sup> 01/02/2021	Common Stock	933

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCARTNEY JOHN COVANCE INC. 210 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Ross A. Hyams, Power of Attorney  
12/14/2012

\*\*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 option vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting one year from grant date.

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