

WATSON JOHN E.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
WATSON JOHN E.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
210 CARNEGIE CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Corp. Sr. Vice President

(Street)

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

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/19/2013                           |  | A                              | 9,773 A \$ 0  | 52,403  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/19/2013                           |  | F                              | 125 D \$ 69.01  | 52,278  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock - 401(k) Plan      |                                      |  |                                |   | 620 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | Held by Trustee <sup>(1)</sup>    |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 69.01   | 02/19/2013                           |  | A                              | 11,700  | 02/19/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/18/2023                     | Common Stock  | 11,700                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships  |
|--|--|
| WATSON JOHN E.<br>210 CARNEGIE CENTER<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08540 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other<br>Corp. Sr. Vice President |

## Signatures

/s/ Ross A. Hyams, Power of Attorney 02/21/2013

\*\*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 securities reported were acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Covance 401(k) plan, a broad-based, tax-qualified employee benefit plan. The information was obtained from the Plan Administrator as of this date. The shares have been accumulated by the Trustee over the employment of the reporting person and the number is based upon the market value of the reporting person's account divided by the then current market price.

(2) The option vests in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting February 19, 2014.

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