

Phelan William P  
 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Phelan William P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY INC [MKTY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/15/2010

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

431 NEW KARNER ROAD

(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

ALBANY, NY 12205

(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)  | Price   |  |                                   |       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (D)                               | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                             | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A)                  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|----------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Rights<br>to Buy) | \$ 0.59                            | 09/15/2010       | 09/15/2010 | A  |      |   | 15,000<br><u>(1)</u> |     | <u>(2)</u>          | 09/15/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 15,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Phelan William P<br>431 NEW KARNER ROAD<br>ALBANY, NY 12205 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William P.  
Phelan 09/17/2010  
 \*\*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) Stock option grant for annual board service.
- Options to purchase Common Stock of Company pursuant to Issuer's Amended and Restated 2006 Equity Incentive Plan and subject thereto. Vesting at the rate of (i) 50% of the shares immediately upon the Grant Date, and (ii) the remaining 50% of the shares at a rate of
- (2) 1/36 per month for the three (3) years following the Grant Date, for so long as the recipient of the Option remains an employee of or consultant to the Company, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Stock Option Agreement entered into by and between the Company and the Optionee.

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