

Porrino Peter R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Porrino Peter R

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
70 SEAVIEW HOUSE  
(Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
XL GROUP PLC [XL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/29/2011

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)

Chief Financial Officer

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

**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 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   |  |                                   |

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) | 8. F... |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---------|
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| (Instr. 3)             | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title           | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (1)                          | 08/29/2011       | A          | 36,408   |      |   |     |     | (2)              | (2)             | Ordinary Shares | 36,408                     |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1)                          | 08/29/2011       | A          | 36,408   |      |   |     |     | (3)              | (3)             | Ordinary Shares | 36,408                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Porrino Peter R<br>70 SEAVIEW HOUSE<br>STAMFORD, CT 06902 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

John Kelly, Attorney in Fact for Peter Porrino  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 08/30/2011

## 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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one XL ordinary share.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units will vest in three equal annual installments, beginning August 29, 2012, provided the reporting person's employment continues through such vesting dates.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units will vest in full on August 29, 2014, provided the reporting person's employment continues through such vesting date.

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