

WHEELER WILLIAM J  
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 \*  
WHEELER WILLIAM J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
METLIFE INC [MET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 PARK AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2012

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

President of the Americas

NEW YORK, NY 10166

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M	38,200 A \$ 30.35	133,271	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	38,200 D \$ 38.63	95,071	D	
Common Stock					18,157	I	By GRAT <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					10	I	By the MetLife Policyholder Trust <sup>(3)</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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.35	02/17/2012		M	38,200	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/18/2012	Common Stock 38,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WHEELER WILLIAM J 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166	President of the Americas

## Signatures

Richard S. Collins, authorized signer  
02/21/2012

\_\_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) This sale transaction is associated with the shares acquired from the exercise of stock options.
- (2) These shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned but were contributed to a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust ("GRAT").
- (3) Shares held in trust under the MetLife Policyholder Trust established to hold shares of Common Stock allocated to eligible policyholders of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MetLife, Inc.

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(4) The option vested in three equal installments on February 19, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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