

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b><br><br><b>Adams David Charles</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br><b>C/O CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION, 10 WATERVIEW BOULEVARD</b><br><br>(Street)<br><br><b>PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><br><b>CURTISS WRIGHT CORP [ CW ]</b><br><br><b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b><br><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>8/25/2009</b></p> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span><br><b>Co-Chief Operating Officer</b> |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  |   | <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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                    | 8/25/2009      |                                   | M                         |   | 2668  | A          | \$16.2775 (1) | 32601.753   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 8/25/2009      |                                   | S                         |   | 2668  | D          | \$33.9482 (2) | 29933.753   | D  |   |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |   |  |  |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock          | \$16.2775  | 8/25/2009      |                                   | M                         |   | 2668   |     | 11/19/2005                              | 11/19/2012      | Common Stock  | 2668                       | \$0 (3)                                    | 64445   | D  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares acquired through the exercise of a non-qualified employee stock option award.
- (2) Sale price reflects the weighted average sale price for all Curtiss-Wright common stock sold by reporting person on the New York Stock Exchange.
- (3) No price on the date of issue, option having been granted as an employee benefit transaction.

#### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>Adams David Charles</b><br><b>C/O CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION</b> |               |           |         |       |

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| <b>10 WATERVIEW BOULEVARD<br/>PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054</b> |  | <b>Co-Chief Operating Officer</b> |  |
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**Signatures**

**Paul J. Ferdenzi by Power of Attorney for David Adams**

**8/27/2009**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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