FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ASALI OMAR | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARBINGER GROUP INC. [HRG] | | | | | | | | (Che | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--|-----------|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--|------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|----------------|--|--|
| (Last) | (F RBINGER | irst) GROUP INC. E, 27TH FLOOF | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/29/2012 | | | | | | | | $ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix}$ | Officer (give title below) President 10% Owner Other (specify below) President | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 | | | - 4. - | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Line) | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable a) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | - Dav | | ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | nsactio | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 2) | | | ı) or | or 5. Amoun Securities Beneficia | | Form: (D) or | n: Direct I or Indirect I nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Code | , | Amount | (A) or (D) | | Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 11/29/ | | | 29/20 | 2012 | | A | | 1,180,230 | | 4 | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 1,530,230 | | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock 11/29/ | | | 29/201 | 2012 | | F | | 74,864 | |) | \$8.52 | 1,455,366 | | | D | | | | |
| 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. Conversio or Exercis Price of Derivative Security | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | urity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | s s illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | | opiration | Title | or Nu | nount mber Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to | \$8.52 | 11/29/2012 | | | A | | 544,900 | | (1) | 11 | /29/2022 | Commo | ¹ 54 | 4,900 | \$0 | 544,90 | 00 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The options with respect to 71,068 shares vested on the grant date, with respect to 71,068 on November 29, 2013, with respect to 201,383 shares on November 29, 2014 and 201,383 shares on November 29,

/s/ Omar Asali

12/03/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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