FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Orr, III San W. 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2012				nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Colfax CORP [CFX]							
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BDT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC					Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
401 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 3100						Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)	, I	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(Street) CHICAGO	IL	60611								orm filed by eporting Po	y More than One erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						ant of Securities ially Owned (Instr. 4) 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ct (D) (I	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
No securities beneficially owned						0	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			ate	3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur		ity (Instr. 4) Conve		rcise Form:		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiratio Date	on Tit	ile	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivativ Security	∕e or l	ect (D) Indirect (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ San W. Orr, III

02/24/2012

** 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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