

AUTOBYTEL INC

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GARMS MARK

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Address | 18872 MACARTHUR BLVD SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92612-1400 |
| Telephone | 9492254500 |
| CIK | 0001023364 |
| Symbol | ABTL |
| SIC Code | 7370 - Computer Programming, Data Processing, And |
| Industry | Computer Services |
| Sector | Technology |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31 |

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| Garms Mark | | | AUTOBYTEL INC [ABTL] | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP & Chief Operating Officer | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | |
| AUTOBYTEL INC., 18872 MACARTHUR BLVD., SUITE 200 | | | 9/22/2009 | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| IRVINE, CA 92612 | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | |

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) | | | |

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 | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$.62 | 9/22/2009 | | A | | 71220 | | (I) | 9/22/2019 | Common Stock | 71220 | \$0 | 71220 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Grant to Reporting Person of options to buy shares of common stock in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. 33 1/3% shall vest and become exercisable on 9/22/2010 and 1/36 shall vest and become exercisable at the end of each successive monthly anniversary thereafter for the following 24 months ending on the third anniversary of the grant date.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Garms Mark AUTOBYTEL INC. 18872 MACARTHUR BLVD., SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92612 | | | EVP & Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Glenn E. Fuller, attorney-in-fact for Mark A. Garms

9/23/2009

** 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).

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