

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LORD ALBERT L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>NEWARK DE 19713</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SLM CORP [SLM]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice Chairman & CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/03/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <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. 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	02/03/2012		A		166,770 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	829,614.481 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		A		78,173 ⁽³⁾	A	\$0	907,787.481	D	
Common Stock								26,069.8136	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock								2,100	I	By Immediate Family
Common Stock								134,930.8077	I	By Supplemental Thrift & Savings Plan

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 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.99	02/03/2012		A		307,929		(4)	02/03/2017	Common Stock	307,929	\$0	307,929	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Grant of Performance Stock Units ("PSUs") which is classified as "Common Stock," as permitted, since the PSUs will be settled solely by delivery of shares of the Company's common stock upon vesting. The PSUs will vest after a three-year performance period (2012-2014), with potential payout ranging from 0% to 130% of the target award based on the Company's cumulative "core net income" for such performance period. The PSUs will vest on the second business day after the Company files its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ending 2014 with the SEC, and in no event later than March 15, 2015.
- Includes shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Grant of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") which is classified as "Common Stock," as permitted, since the RSUs will be settled solely by delivery of shares of the Company's common stock. These RSUs represent a portion of the bonus amount for 2011 and are vested at grant but subject to transfer restrictions until settlement by delivery of common stock in one-third increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the grant date.
- These options vest as follows: 1/3 will vest on the first anniversary date of the grant (February 3, 2013); 1/3 will vest upon (i) the Company's common stock having a closing price per share that is at least \$17.00 for any five consecutive trading days and (ii) the second anniversary of the grant date (February 3, 2014); and 1/3 will vest upon (i) the Company's common stock having a closing price per share that is at least \$19.00 for any five consecutive trading days and (ii) the third anniversary of the grant date (February 3, 2015).

/s/ Carol R. Rakatansky (POA) for Albert L. Lord 02/07/2012

** 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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