

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Discovery Group I, LLC</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 191 N. WACKER DRIVE SUITE 1685  (Street) CHICAGO IL 60606  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AtriCure, Inc. [ ATRC ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2012	
		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	01/09/2012		S		100 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$11.06	1,566,024	I	By Discovery Equity Partners, L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		4,536 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$11.1265 <sup>(3)</sup>	1,561,488	I	By Discovery Equity Partners, L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		2,464 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$11.1265 <sup>(3)</sup>	253,390	I	By Pleiades Investment Partners - D, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	01/11/2012		S		4,473 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$11.3192 <sup>(4)</sup>	1,557,015	I	By Discovery Equity Partners, L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	01/11/2012		S		1,827 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$11.3192 <sup>(4)</sup>	251,563	I	By Pleiades Investment Partners - D, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>

**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					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Discovery Group I, LLC</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 191 N. WACKER DRIVE SUITE 1685		
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
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**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Discovery Group I, LLC is the General Partner of Discovery Equity Partners, L.P., which is a discretionary client of the reporting person, that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. Discovery Group I, LLC is an investment manager for Pleiades Investment Partners - D, L.P., which is a discretionary client of the reporting person, that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$11.01 to \$12.30. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected
- 4. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$11.30 - \$11.40. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected

**Remarks:**

Michael R. Murphy and Daniel J. Donoghue are managing members of Discovery Group I, LLC, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Michael R. Murphy, Managing Member 01/11/2012  
Daniel J. Donoghue 01/11/2012  
Michael R. Murphy 01/11/2012  
\*\* 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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