Chalhoub Joseph Form 4 April 19, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Chalhoub Joseph

> (Middle) (First)

C/O HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC., 2175 POINT **BOULEVARD, SUITE 375**

(Street)

(State)

04/18/2012

ELGIN, IL 60123

(City)

Common

Stock

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. [HCCI]

(Month/Day/Year) 04/18/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Code V

M

(Check all applicable) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> _X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

Issuer

_ Other (specify President & CEO

X 10% Owner

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Price

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Amount

11,437 A

(A)

(D)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

1,269,322

5. Amount of

Securities

(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

See Ι Footnote

(1)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.33	04/18/2012		M	11,437	03/25/2012(2)	03/25/2019	Common Stock	11,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Chalhoub Joseph C/O HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC. 2175 POINT BOULEVARD, SUITE 375 ELGIN, IL 60123	X	X	President & CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Heidi J. Steele, as Attorney-in-Fact 04/19/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Consists of 2,000 shares held on behalf of Mr. Chalhoub's minor son and 1,237,783 shares held by J. Chalhoub Holding, Ltd. Joseph
- (1) Chalhoub has voting control over all of the voting securities of J. Chalhoub Holdings, Ltd. Also includes the shares which are held in Breslube Industries Limited, of which the Reporting Person is the sole owner.
- (2) The remaining options vest on March 25, 2013.
- (3) Held by J. Chalhoub Holdings, Ltd. over which J. Chalhoub has voting and investment control.

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