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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Nelson Mark Joseph Issuer Symbol NEWPORT CORP [NEWP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1791 DEERE AVENUE 03/31/2010 below) below) VP & Corporate Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **IRVINE, CA 92606** Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 5,190 Common 03/31/2010 A A \$0 37,387 D (1) Stock

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number ion f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share
Stock Appreciation Right (Stock-Settled)	\$ 12.47	03/31/2010		A	5,190	(2)	03/31/2017	Common Stock	5,19

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Nelson Mark Joseph 1791 DEERE AVENUE IRVINE, CA 92606

VP & Corporate Controller

Signatures

Jeffrey B. Coyne, SVP & General Counsel, as attorney-in-fact for reporting person

04/02/2010

**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 restricted stock units representing the right to receive upon vesting a total of 5,190 shares of the issuer's common stock. Such restricted stock units vest in equal installments on the first three anniversaries of the grant date subject to the achievement by the issuer of a specified financial performance goal for 2010.
- (2) Stock appreciation right vests in equal installments on the first three anniversaries of the grant date subject to the achievement by the issuer of a specified financial performance goal for 2010.

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