| SEC Form 4 | |
|------------|--|
|------------|--|

 \square

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| Check this box if no longer subject to |
|--|
| Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 |
| obligations may continue. See |
| Instruction 1(b). |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0287 Estimated average burden

| Estimated average burden | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| hours per response: | 0.5 |

| 1. Name and Address | 1 0 | 1* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INCYTE CORP [INCY] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|---|--|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>ARIKO BARRY A</u> | | | t | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2012 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| ROUTE 141 & HENRY CLAY ROAD | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check | | | | | | |
| (Street) WILMINGTON DE 19880 | | 19880 | | Line) X | Form filed by One Re Form filed by More the Person | 0 | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |

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) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Disposed Of (5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (|
| Common Stock | 05/17/2012 | | М | | 5,000 | Α | \$6.66 | 25,834 | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | ate | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$6.66 | 05/17/2012 | | М | | | 5,000 | (1) | 06/03/2012 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option vests in full on the first anniversary of the date of grant or, if earlier, the date of the next regular annual meeting of the Company's stockholders or upon change of control (as defined in option plan).

<u>/s/ Barry M. Ariko</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

05/18/2012

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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.