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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1          | ddress of Reporting P |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHEMED CORP [ CHE ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------|-----------------------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|            | <u>ARA KEVIN J</u>    | <u> </u> | [ ]   | X Director 10% Owner   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ,          |                       |          |   | X Officer (give title Other (specify                                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)     | (First)               | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                | below) below)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2600 CHEM  | IED CENTER            |          | 12/18/2012  | president and CEO  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 255 EAST 5 | TH STREET             |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)   |                       |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (City)     | (State)               | (Zip)    |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                  |   | 4. Securities<br>Disposed Of<br>5) |               |         | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code             | v | Amount                             | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (Instr. 4)  |
| capital stock                   | 12/18/2012                                 |   | М                |   | 15,000                             | A             | \$44.02 | 212,296   | D   |   |
| capital stock                   | 12/18/2012                                 |   | F <sup>(1)</sup> |   | 11,754                             | D             | \$68.81 | 200,542   | D   |   |
| capital stock                   | 12/18/2012                                 |   | S                |   | 5,000                              | D             | \$69.09 | 195,542   | D   |   |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of<br>Deri<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) c<br>Disp<br>of (D | umber<br>vative<br>urities<br>uired<br>or<br>oosed<br>o) (Instr.<br>and 5) | Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>ed<br>anstr. |                    | Expiration Date Amount of |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
|  |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title                     | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| stock<br>option(right<br>to buy with<br>tandem tax<br>withholding) | \$44.02   | 12/18/2012                                 |   | М                            |   |  | 15,000   | 08/19/2009  | 02/19/2019         | capital<br>stock          | 15,000                                 | \$44.02   | 536,600  | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Payment of purchase price and tax obligation on stock option exercise.

**Remarks:** 

Kevin J. McNamara

12/18/2012

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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