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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SZTYKIEL JOHN E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SPARTAN MOTORS INC 1541 REYNOLDS ROAD (Street) CHARLOTTE MI 48813 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SPARTAN MOTORS INC [SPAR]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President & CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/20/2011</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	09/20/2011		J ⁽¹⁾		5,000	D	\$0	0	I	Ana Szykiel (cust/daughter)
Common Stock	09/20/2011		J ⁽¹⁾		53,942	D	\$0	0	I	Laura Szykiel (cust/daughter)
Common Stock	09/20/2011		J ⁽¹⁾		62,418	D	\$0	0	I	Kyle J. Szykiel (cust/son)
Common Stock	09/20/2011		J ⁽¹⁾		28,795	D	\$0	0	I	Brian A. Szykiel (cust/son)
Common Stock	09/20/2011		J ⁽¹⁾		18,793	D	\$0	0	I	Margaret Szykiel (cust/daughter)
Common Stock	09/20/2011		J ⁽¹⁾		168,948	A	\$0	168,948 ⁽²⁾	I	Szykiel Investments LLC
Common Stock								589,367	D	
Common Stock								24,619.279	I	401(k) retirement plan

**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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reflects a change in form of ownership not required to be reported under Rule 16a-13.
2. The reporting person is a manager of Szykiel Investments LLC, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ Kimberly Baber, as
Attorney-in-Fact for John E. Szykiel 09/26/2011

** 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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