FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|---|----------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|--|----------|--|--|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rueckert William Dodge</u>              |          |  |                        |                                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MARSHALL EDWARDS INC [ MSHL ] |  |                     |  |          |  |  | ck all applica   | tionship of Reporting Perso<br>all applicable)<br>Director                                    |   | on(s) to Issu<br>10% Ow   |                                 |  |                                       |
|   | RSHALL E | irst)                                      |                        |                                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/20/2011               |  |                     |  |          |  |  |  | Officer (<br>below)   | Officer (give title below)                          |   | Other (specify below)           |  |                                       |
| 11975 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 101  (Street)  SAN DIEGO CA 92130  (City) (State) (Zip) |          |  |                        |                                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                  |  |                     |  |          |  | Line)  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |                                 |  |                                       |
|   |          | Та   | ble I - Non            | n-Deriva                        | tive S  | ecuriti  | es A                | cquire   | l, Dis   | sposed   | of, o  | r Bene   | eficially   | Owned   |   |                                 |  |                                       |
| Date  |          |  |                        | 2. Transac<br>Date<br>(Month/Da | Execution Da  |  | tte, Transaction Di |  | n Dispos | Securities Acquired (A) sposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  |  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) |   | Form: Direct Ir (D) or Indirect B (I) (Instr. 4)  |                                 | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |                                       |
|   |          |  |                        |                                 |   | Cod  | v                   | Amoun  | Price    |  |  | msu. 4)  |   |   |   |                                 |  |                                       |
|   |          |  | Table II - I           | Derivati<br>(e.g., pu           |   |  |                     |  |          |  |  |  |   | Owned   |   |                                 |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                 |          | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | Cod                             | saction<br>e (Instr.  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |                     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |          |  | 7. Title and Amou<br>Securities Underl<br>Derivative Securit<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | derlying<br>curity  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numb<br>derivativ<br>Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Followin<br>Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 4) | es<br>ally<br>g<br>d<br>tion(s) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |          |  |                        | Cod                             | e V   | (A)  | (D)                 | Date<br>Exercisal  |          | Expiration<br>Date                                 | Title  |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   |   |                                 |  |                                       |

(1)

(2)

Common

Stock, par

value \$0.00000002

per share

## **Explanation of Responses:**

Options to

purchase shares of

common stock

1. One third of the options will vest on October 20, 2012; the remaining two thirds of the options will vest in equal monthly installments over the following twenty four months.

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2. The options expire October 20, 2016.

\$1.34

/s/ William D. Rueckert 10/24/2011

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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).

10/20/2011

\*\* 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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