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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RUSH WILLIAM M RUSTY</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 555 IH 35 SOUTH, SUITE 500 <hr/> (Street) NEW BRAUNFELS TX 78130 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RUSH ENTERPRISES INC [TX] [RUSH]</u> <hr/> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2012			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) CEO and President		
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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			
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012		M		17,250	A	\$2.35	89,512 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Class B Common Stock	03/08/2012		M		10,749	A	\$2.35	28,011	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. 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				
Option (right to buy)	\$2.35 ⁽²⁾	03/08/2012		M		17,250 ⁽²⁾		(3)	03/15/2012	Class A Common Stock	17,250	\$0	0	D	
Option (right to buy)	\$2.35 ⁽⁴⁾	03/08/2012		M		10,749 ⁽⁴⁾		(3)	03/15/2012	Class B Common Stock	10,749	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes unvested restricted stock units.
- This option was previously reported as covering 11,500 shares at an exercise price of \$3.53 per share but was adjusted as a result of the 3-for-2 stock split of Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s Common Stock on October 10, 2007.
- Options may be exercised in increments of 1/3 on each anniversary of the grant date beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date. Grant date is 10 years prior to expiration date.
- This option was previously reported as covering 7,166 shares at an exercise price of \$3.53 per share but was adjusted as a result of the 3-for-2 stock split of Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s Common Stock on October 10, 2007.

Steven L. Keller, Attorney in Fact for William M. Rusty Rush 03/09/2012

** 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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