FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|---|---|----------|----------------|---|--|---|---------------|--|--|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Wells James    |   |   |          |                |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LIFETIME BRANDS, INC [ LCUT ] |   |               |  |  |                     |   |  | Check a                  | l appli<br>Directo   | cable)<br>or   | ng Person(s) to Is                                  |   | Owner  |
|  | `   | ANDS, INC.                                | (Middle) |                |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/19/2013                      |   |               |  |  |                     |   |  | Λ                        | oelow)   |  |   |   |  |
| (Street) GARDEN CITY NY 11530                            |   |   |          |                |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                         |   |               |  |  |                     |   |  | ne)<br>X                 | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |   |   |  |
| (City)   | (S  | tate)                                     | (Zip)    |                |   |  |   |               |  |  |                     |   |  |                          |  |  |   |   |  |
|  |   | Tab                                       | le I - N | on-Deri        | <i>r</i> ative                                      | Sec  | uriti                                   | es Ac         | quired   | , Di                                   | sposed (            | of, or Be   | enefici                                | ally O                   | wned   | t  |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D |   |   |          | Exe<br>) if ar | a. Deemed<br>ecution Date,<br>any<br>onth/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |               | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |  |                     | and 5) Securi<br>Benefi<br>Owned  |  | es<br>ially<br>Following | 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  | Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 3 ar |                     | tion(s)   |  |                          | (Instr. 4)   |  |   |   |  |
| Common Stock 08/19/2                                     |   |   |          |                | 2013  | 013  |   |               | M  |  | 500                 | A   | A \$2.19                               |                          | 4,400  |  |   | D   |  |
| Common Stock 08/19/2                                     |   |   |          |                | 2013  | )13  |   |               | S  |  | 500                 | D   | \$13.7                                 | 3.7018 3                 |  | 3,900  |   | D   |  |
| Common   | Stock   | 255,253 I                                 |          |                |   |  |   |               | I  | Spouse                                 |                     |   |  |                          |  |  |   |   |  |
|  |   | T   | able II  |                |   |  |   |               |  |  | osed of<br>converti |   |  |                          | ned  |  | ,   |   |  |
| 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 |          |                | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8)                        |  |   |               | 6. Date E<br>Expiratio<br>(Month/D                           | n Dat                                  | е                   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | Deriv<br>Secu<br>(Instr  | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | y Di<br>or<br>(I)                                   | 0.<br>Ownership<br>orm:<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>Exercisal  |  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | er                       |  |  |   |   |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option                              | \$2.19  | 08/19/2013                                |          |                | M   |  |   | 500           | (1)  |  | 04/02/2019          | Common<br>Stock   | 500                                    | (2                       | 2)   | 7,750  |   | D   |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The options vested and became exercisable in four equal installments on each of April 3, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- 2. Field intentionally left blank in accordance with the instructions to Form 4.

<u>/s/ James Wells</u> <u>08/21/2013</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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