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1(b).

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AVENUE

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHMIDT GARY P

Symbol

(Middle)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable)

C/O ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY, 2525 ARMITAGE

(Street)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

12/09/2010

below) Sr. VP, Gen. Coun. & Sec.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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MELROSE PARK, IL 60160

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or		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)	
Common Stock							13,080	I	FN (1)
Common Stock	12/09/2010		M	8,425	A	\$ 28.75	41,817	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2010		S	8,425	D	\$ 37.26	33,392	D	

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number or 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.75	12/09/2010		M	8,425	(2)	11/30/2019	Common Stock	8,425

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

SCHMIDT GARY P C/O ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY 2525 ARMITAGE AVENUE MELROSE PARK, IL 60160

Sr. VP, Gen. Coun. & Sec.

Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Gary P. Schmidt 12/10/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Held in the 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan. Represents Equivalent Shares calculated by taking the account balance divided by the closing stock price as of November 26, 2010 of \$37.20.
- (2) This option became exercisable in four equal annual increments beginning on 11/30/2010.

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