

GOLDEN STAR RESOURCES LTD.

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nelsen Craig J. <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 10901 W. TOLLER DRIVE, SUITE 300 <small>(Street)</small> LITTLETON, CO 80127 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GOLDEN STAR RESOURCES LTD [GSS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">5/1/2012</p>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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)			

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: 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				
Deferred Share Units	(1)	5/1/2012		A		16880.810		(2)	(2)	Common Shares	16880.810	\$1.629 (3)	34418.3266	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The reporting person has received an exempt award of deferred share units ("DSUs") under Golden Star Resources Ltd.'s (the "Company") Deferred Share Unit Plan. Each DSU is the economic equivalent of one common share of the Company. The DSU vested on the award date.
- (2) The DSUs will be settled in cash, common shares or a combination thereof following the reporting person's separation from service.
- (3) The number of DSUs allocated to the reporting person is calculated based on the volume weighted-average trading price of the Company's common shares on the NYSE Amex for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the award date (1.629).

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelsen Craig J. 10901 W. TOLLER DRIVE SUITE 300 LITTLETON, CO 80127	X			

Signatures

/s/Roger Palmer for Craig J. Nelsen, Pursuant to Power of Attorney

5/2/2012

** 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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