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Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Richard J. Fruth
Title: President
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Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Richard J. Fruth Houston, TX January 28, 2013

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0
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List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

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FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	VALUE		SH/ SH/	PUT/	INVSTMT	OTHER	VOTING AUTHORITY		
			(x\$1000)	PRN					AMT	PRN	CALL
ABBOTT LABORATORIES	COM	002824100	2808	42884	SH	SOLE			42884	0	0
ACCENTURE LTD CL A	COM	G1150C101	1293	19450	SH	SOLE			19450	0	0
ACCO BRANDS CORP COM	COM	00081T108	164	22404	SH	SOLE			22404	0	0

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES	COM	00846U101	2141	52300	SH	SOLE	52300	0	0
AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS	COM	009158106	2646	31499	SH	SOLE	31499	0	0
AIRGAS INC.	COM	009363102	465	5100	SH	SOLE	5100	0	0
ALLERGAN INC	COM	018490102	311	3400	SH	SOLE	3400	0	0
ALUMINUM CO OF AMERICA	COM	013817101	300	34675	SH	SOLE	34675	0	0
AMAZON COM INC	COM	023135106	545	2175	SH	SOLE	2175	0	0
AMER ELECTRIC PWR CO INC	COM	025537101	279	6537	SH	SOLE	6537	0	0
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.	COM	025816109	865	15050	SH	SOLE	15050	0	0
AMERICAN STATES WATER CO	COM	029899101	271	5650	SH	SOLE	5650	0	0
AMERITRADE HLDNG CORP CL A	COM	87236Y108	235	14000	SH	SOLE	14000	0	0
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP	COM	032511107	328	4425	SH	SOLE	4425	0	0
ANALOG DEVICES INC	COM	032654105	693	16500	SH	SOLE	16500	0	0
ANGLOGOLD LTD	COM	035128206	329	10500	SH	SOLE	10500	0	0
APPLE, INC	COM	037833100	779	1465	SH	SOLE	1465	0	0
APPLIED INDL. TECH.	COM	03820C105	583	13900	SH	SOLE	13900	0	0
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	COM	038222105	309	27050	SH	SOLE	27050	0	0
ASHLAND ONC	COM	44209104	257	3200	SH	SOLE	3200	0	0
ATMOS ENERGY CORP	COM	049560105	611	17400	SH	SOLE	17400	0	0
AUTO DATA PROCESSING	COM	053015103	2194	38548	SH	SOLE	38548	0	0
AVNET INC	COM	053807103	1250	40841	SH	SOLE	40841	0	0
BANCORP SOUTH CM	COM	059692103	167	11515	SH	SOLE	11515	0	0
BANK OF NEW YORK CO INC	COM	064058100	439	17100	SH	SOLE	17100	0	0
BEAM INC.	COM	073730103	864	14150	SH	SOLE	14150	0	0
BEST BUY INC	COM	086516101	141	11975	SH	SOLE	11975	0	0
BP PLC	COM	055622104	468	11244	SH	SOLE	11244	0	0
BP PRUDHOE BAY ROYALTY	COM	055630107	274	4000	SH	SOLE	4000	0	0
BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO	COM	110122108	740	22727	SH	SOLE	22727	0	0
BROADRIDGE FINANCIAL	COM	11133T103	934	40835	SH	SOLE	40835	0	0
BROCADE COMMUNS SYS INC	COM	111621306	164	30800	SH	SOLE	30800	0	0
BROWN FORMAN CORP CL B	COM	115637209	1792	28338	SH	SOLE	28338	0	0
BUNGE	COM	G16962105	1954	26890	SH	SOLE	26890	0	0
CALAVO GROWERS INC	COM	128246105	289	11500	SH	SOLE	11500	0	0
CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY	COM	134429109	293	8400	SH	SOLE	8400	0	0
CASEYS GENERAL STORES INC	COM	147528103	224	4222	SH	SOLE	4222	0	0
CATERPILLAR INC	COM	149123101	926	10340	SH	SOLE	10340	0	0
CHESAPEAKE UTIL CORP	COM	165303108	953	21000	SH	SOLE	21000	0	0
CHEVRONTXACO CORP	COM	166764100	3604	33330	SH	SOLE	33330	0	0
CHUBB CORPORATION	COM	171232101	367	4883	SH	SOLE	4883	0	0
CINTAS CORP	COM	172908105	424	10375	SH	SOLE	10375	0	0
CIRRUS LOGIC	COM	172755100	353	12200	SH	SOLE	12200	0	0
COCA-COLA COMPANY	COM	191216100	1466	40464	SH	SOLE	40464	0	0
CONOCOPHILLIPS	COM	20825C104	997	17209	SH	SOLE	17209	0	0
CORNING INC.	COM	219350105	434	34425	SH	SOLE	34425	0	0
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP NEW	COM	22160K105	721	7309	SH	SOLE	7309	0	0
CREE INC	COM	225447101	526	15500	SH	SOLE	15500	0	0
CSX CORP	COM	126408103	219	11100	SH	SOLE	11100	0	0
DARDEN RESTURANTS INC	COM	237194105	1437	31900	SH	SOLE	31900	0	0
DEERE & CO	COM	244199105	1266	14650	SH	SOLE	14650	0	0
DELL COMPUTER CORP.	COM	24702R101	125	12354	SH	SOLE	12354	0	0
DENNY'S CORP	COM	24869P104	158	32500	SH	SOLE	32500	0	0
DIAMOND OFFSHR DRILLING	COM	25271C102	1128	16600	SH	SOLE	16600	0	0
DISNEY WALT HOLDING CO	COM	254687106	1050	21097	SH	SOLE	21097	0	0
DOMINION RESOURCES INC.	COM	25746U109	787	15200	SH	SOLE	15200	0	0
DOVER CORPORATION	COM	260003108	708	10775	SH	SOLE	10775	0	0
DU PONT E I DE NEMOUR&CO	COM	263534109	249	5540	SH	SOLE	5540	0	0
DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION	COM	26441C105	888	13934	SH	SOLE	13934	0	0
EATON CORPORATION	COM	G29183103	393	7257	SH	SOLE	7257	0	0
EMERSON ELECTRIC	COM	291011104	3051	57617	SH	SOLE	57617	0	0
ENERGEN CORP	COM	29265N108	220	4900	SH	SOLE	4900	0	0
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	6560	75797	SH	SOLE	75797	0	0
FERRO CORP	COM	315405100	96	23100	SH	SOLE	23100	0	0
FIDELITY NATL INFO SVCS	COM	31620M106	954	27423	SH	SOLE	27423	0	0
FLUOR CORPORATION	COM	343412102	669	11400	SH	SOLE	11400	0	0
FORD MOTOR COMPANY	COM	345370860	421	32526	SH	SOLE	32526	0	0
FRANKLIN ELEC CO INC	COM	353514102	800	12900	SH	SOLE	12900	0	0
GAP INC	COM	364760108	1780	57350	SH	SOLE	57350	0	0
GENCORP INC	COM	368682100	93	10200	SH	SOLE	10200	0	0
GENERAL ELECTRIC	COM	369604103	677	32267	SH	SOLE	32267	0	0
GENERAL MILLS INC	COM	370334104	1582	39150	SH	SOLE	39150	0	0
GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY COM	COM	37045V100	402	13969	SH	SOLE	13969	0	0
GENUINE PARTS CO COM	COM	372460105	451	7100	SH	SOLE	7100	0	0
GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER	COM	382550101	146	10600	SH	SOLE	10600	0	0
GORMAN-RUPP CO COM	COM	383082104	1649	55291	SH	SOLE	55291	0	0
GRAINGER WW INC	COM	384802104	6002	29662	SH	SOLE	29662	0	0
H. J. HEINZ	COM	423074103	628	10900	SH	SOLE	10900	0	0
HALLIBURTON COMPANY	COM	406216101	311	8986	SH	SOLE	8986	0	0
HELMERICH & PAYNE INC	COM	423452101	1052	18800	SH	SOLE	18800	0	0
HERSHEY FOODS CORP	COM	427866108	3529	48865	SH	SOLE	48865	0	0
HOLLYFRONTIER CORP COM	COM	436106108	277	5956	SH	SOLE	5956	0	0
HOME DEPOT INC	COM	437076102	667	10800	SH	SOLE	10800	0	0
HONEYWELL INC.	COM	438516106	767	12094	SH	SOLE	12094	0	0
HOSPIRA	COM	441060100	774	24793	SH	SOLE	24793	0	0
HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC	COM	446150104	226	35466	SH	SOLE	35466	0	0
INGERSOLL-RAND COMPANY	COM	G47791101	1530	31910	SH	SOLE	31910	0	0
INGREDION INC.	COM	219023108	786	12200	SH	SOLE	12200	0	0
INTEL	COM	458140100	298	14488	SH	SOLE	14488	0	0

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO	COM	460146103	412	10366	SH	SOLE	10366	0	0
INTL BUSINESS MACHINES	COM	459200101	984	5142	SH	SOLE	5142	0	0
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JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	2963	42276	SH	SOLE	42276	0	0
JOHNSON CONTROLS	COM	478366107	357	11650	SH	SOLE	11650	0	0
KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN NEW	COM	485170302	425	5100	SH	SOLE	5100	0	0
KEYCORP	COM	493267108	169	20125	SH	SOLE	20125	0	0
KIMBERLY-CLARK CORP	COM	494368103	2496	29567	SH	SOLE	29567	0	0
KIRBY CORP	COM	497266106	907	14670	SH	SOLE	14670	0	0
LACLEDE GAS COMPANY	COM	505597104	687	17803	SH	SOLE	17803	0	0
LAUDER ESTEE CORP CL A	COM	518439104	1071	17900	SH	SOLE	17900	0	0
LOWES COMPANIES INC	COM	548661107	531	14954	SH	SOLE	14954	0	0
MARATHON OIL CO.	COM	565849106	557	18180	SH	SOLE	18180	0	0
MARATHON PETE CORP COM	COM	56585A102	377	5990	SH	SOLE	5990	0	0
MASTERCARD INC	COM	57636Q104	1861	3790	SH	SOLE	3790	0	0
MC CORMICK & CO NEW VT	COM	579780206	705	11100	SH	SOLE	11100	0	0
MEADWESTVACO CORP	COM	583334107	1685	52877	SH	SOLE	52877	0	0
MERCK & CO INC	COM	58933Y105	483	11803	SH	SOLE	11803	0	0
METLIFE INC	COM	59156R108	766	23273	SH	SOLE	23273	0	0
MICRON TECHNOLOGIES	COM	595112103	198	31300	SH	SOLE	31300	0	0
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	221	8305	SH	SOLE	8305	0	0
MIDDLEBY CORP THE	COM	596278101	1230	9600	SH	SOLE	9600	0	0
MINNESOTA MINING & MFG	COM	88579Y101	1504	16200	SH	SOLE	16200	0	0
MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS	COM	624758108	123	22000	SH	SOLE	22000	0	0
MURPHY OIL CORP	COM	626717102	2205	37030	SH	SOLE	37030	0	0
NATIONAL-OILWELL VARCO INC COM	COM	637071101	356	5219	SH	SOLE	5219	0	0
NEENAH PAPER INC	COM	640079109	866	30450	SH	SOLE	30450	0	0
NEWMONT MINING	COM	651639106	849	18300	SH	SOLE	18300	0	0
NEWS CORP LTD ADR	COM	652487703	238	9100	SH	SOLE	9100	0	0
NEWS LTD CORP ADR PFD	COM	65248E104	599	23500	SH	SOLE	23500	0	0
NO EUROPEAN OIL TR	COM	659310106	381	17000	SH	SOLE	17000	0	0
NOBLE ENERGY INC.	COM	655044105	740	7280	SH	SOLE	7280	0	0
NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP	COM	655844108	825	13350	SH	SOLE	13350	0	0
NORTHERN TRUST CORP	COM	665859104	911	18175	SH	SOLE	18175	0	0
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OCCIDENTAL PETE CORP	COM	674599105	348	4545	SH	SOLE	4545	0	0
OLIN CORP NEW	COM	680665205	1330	61603	SH	SOLE	61603	0	0
ONEOK, INC	COM	682680103	1091	25532	SH	SOLE	25532	0	0
PACCAR INC	COM	693718108	289	6400	SH	SOLE	6400	0	0
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PARKER-HANNIFIN CORP	COM	701094104	433	5100	SH	SOLE	5100	0	0
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PEPSICO INCORPORATED	COM	713448108	3009	43981	SH	SOLE	43981	0	0
PERRIGO CO	COM	714290103	426	4100	SH	SOLE	4100	0	0
PETROLEO BRASILERIO ADRE	COM	71654V408	414	21275	SH	SOLE	21275	0	0
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	406	16225	SH	SOLE	16225	0	0
PHILLIPS 66 COM	COM	718546104	403	7604	SH	SOLE	7604	0	0
PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS CO.	COM	720186105	594	18975	SH	SOLE	18975	0	0
PRAXAIR INC.	COM	74005P104	5269	48142	SH	SOLE	48142	0	0
PROCTER & GAMBLE	COM	742718109	856	12609	SH	SOLE	12609	0	0
PROS HOLDING INC COM	COM	74346Y103	254	13900	SH	SOLE	13900	0	0
RALPH LAUREN CORP.	COM	731572103	269	1800	SH	SOLE	1800	0	0
REGIONS FINANCIAL CP NEW	COM	7591EP100	118	16657	SH	SOLE	16657	0	0
ROCHE HLDG LTD ADR	COM	771195104	511	10130	SH	SOLE	10130	0	0
ROWAN COMPANIES	COM	779382100	3763	120353	SH	SOLE	120353	0	0
ROYAL DUTCH SHELL ADR F	COM	780259206	329	4773	SH	SOLE	4773	0	0
SCHLUMBERGER LTD	COM	806857108	1207	17422	SH	SOLE	17422	0	0
SIEMENS ADR	COM	826197501	614	5615	SH	SOLE	5615	0	0
SIGMA ALDRICH CORP	COM	826552101	1633	22200	SH	SOLE	22200	0	0
SONOCO PRODUCTS INC	COM	835495102	1101	37066	SH	SOLE	37066	0	0
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO	COM	844741108	240	23500	SH	SOLE	23500	0	0
SPECTRA ENERGY CORP	COM	847560109	490	17904	SH	SOLE	17904	0	0
ST JOE COMPANY	COM	790148100	317	13750	SH	SOLE	13750	0	0
STANLEY BLACK & DECKER INC	COM	854502101	625	8450	SH	SOLE	8450	0	0
STARBUCKS CORP	COM	855244109	3329	62075	SH	SOLE	62075	0	0
STRYKER CORP	COM	863667101	364	6650	SH	SOLE	6650	0	0
SYSCO CORP.	COM	871829107	1805	57038	SH	SOLE	57038	0	0
TELLABS INC	COM	879664100	31	13700	SH	SOLE	13700	0	0
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC	COM	882508104	1572	50916	SH	SOLE	50916	0	0
TIMKEN COMPANY	COM	887389104	1310	27400	SH	SOLE	27400	0	0
TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	COM	892356106	2213	25050	SH	SOLE	25050	0	0
TRANSOCEAN SEDCO FOREX	COM	H8817H100	1237	27701	SH	SOLE	27701	0	0
TRINITY INDUSTRIES INC	COM	896522109	218	6100	SH	SOLE	6100	0	0
UNION PACIFIC CORP	COM	907818108	1850	14716	SH	SOLE	14716	0	0
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COM	913017109	752	9181	SH	SOLE	9181	0	0
VALERO ENERGY	COM	91913Y100	1148	33675	SH	SOLE	33675	0	0
VERIZON COMM	COM	92343V104	781	18064	SH	SOLE	18064	0	0
WELLS FARGO & CO NEW	COM	949746101	433	12694	SH	SOLE	12694	0	0
WEYERHAEUSER CO	COM	962166104	588	21136	SH	SOLE	21136	0	0
XEROX CORP	COM	984121103	168	24634	SH	SOLE	24634	0	0

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