

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### ISSUER

#### **MICROFINANCIAL INC**

CIK: **827230** | IRS No.: **042962824** | State of Incorpor.: **MA** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
SIC: **6159** Miscellaneous business credit institution

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### **MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M**

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Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-14771** | Film No.: **12793917**

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>MARXE AUSTIN W &amp; GREENHOUSE</b> <b>DAVID M</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MICROFINANCIAL INC [MFI]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>04/26/2012</b>			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		
C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUNDS, 527 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 2600			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <b>NEW YORK, NY 10022</b>								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**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			
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S		44,400 <sup>(2)</sup>	D \$6.3504 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,700,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Limited Partnerships <sup>(2)</sup>

**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 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					

### Explanation of Responses:

1. This is a weighted average price.

2. This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) and David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Fund III QP, L.P. (QP) and Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P. (Cayman), respectively. 1,380,740 shares of Common Stock are held by QP and 319,260 shares of Common Stock are held by Cayman. The interest of Marxe and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock owned by QP and Cayman is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

### Signatures

[Austin W. Marxe](#)

[04/26/2012](#)

[David M. Greenhouse](#)

[04/26/2012](#)

\*\* 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).

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