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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)											
1. Name and Address of R Dean Michael		2. Issuer Name and NATURES SUN [NATR]			· ·		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <u>X</u> _Director <u>X</u> _Officer (give title below) President and CEO				
75 EAST 1700 SOUT	(First) ГН		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2012							.0	
PROVO, UT 84606		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(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. Transact Code (Instr. 8) Code		(A) or Disposed of (D)		f (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership

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

	(<i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
	Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	tion)	5. Numb of Deriva Securitie Acquired or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	ative s l (A) sed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ble and 7. Title and Amount of Underlying r) Securities		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)		Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.52	08/01/2012 ⁽¹⁾		А		75,000		(2)	02/28/2022	Common Stock	75,000	\$ 0	75,000	D			

Reporting Owners

	Relationships								
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Dean Michael 75 EAST 1700 SOUTH PROVO, UT 84606	Х		President and CEO						

Signatures

/s/ Jamon A. Jarvis as Attorney-in-Fact for Michael Dean	08/03/2012
**Circuture of Demotion Demon	Date

Signature of Reporting Person

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).

The option grant was approved by the board of directors of Nature's Sunshine Products, Inc. (the "Company") on March 1, 2012, subject to shareholder approval of the stock option plan (1) under which the option was granted. The Company's shareholders approved the plan on August 1, 2012. The option grant includes an additional 25,000 shares which will vest, if at all, upon achievement of certain performance conditions.

(2) Vests as follows: 25% on March 1, 2013; 25% on March 1, 2014; 25% on March 1, 2015; and 25% on March 1, 2016.

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