

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
**UNDER**  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**33-0956711**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

3355 Michelson Drive, Suite 100  
Irvine, California 92612  
(Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

**Western Digital Corporation Amended and Restated 2004 Performance Incentive Plan**  
**Western Digital Corporation 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan**  
(Full Title of the Plan)

**Michael C. Ray**  
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount Of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, issuable under the Western Digital Corporation Amended and Restated 2004 Performance Incentive Plan	13,201,975 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> shares	\$34.38 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$395,370,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$53,928.47 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, issuable under the Western Digital Corporation 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	8,000,000 <sup>(1)</sup> shares	\$34.38 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$275,040,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$37,515.46 <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b>	21,201,975 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> shares	\$34.38 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$670,410,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$91,443.93 <sup>(3)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> This Registration Statement covers, in addition to the number of shares of Western Digital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company" or the "Registrant"), common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), stated above, options and other rights to purchase or acquire the shares of Common Stock covered by this Registration Statement and, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), an additional indeterminate number of shares, options and rights that may be offered or issued pursuant to the Western Digital Corporation Amended and Restated 2004 Performance Incentive Plan (as amended, the "2004 Plan") and the Western Digital Corporation 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (as amended, the "ESPP", and together with the 2004 Plan, the "Plans") as a result of one or more adjustments under the Plans to prevent dilution resulting from one or more stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

<sup>(2)</sup> As described in the Explanatory Note on page 2 of this Registration Statement, the number of shares of Common Stock registered under the 2004 Plan hereby consists of (i) 11,500,000 shares being registered for the first time, plus (ii) an aggregate of 1,701,975 shares that were previously registered by the Company (the "Carryover Shares"). The Carryover Shares consist of 1,524,556 shares previously registered under the Company's Employee Stock Option Plan on Form S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on January 11, 1999 (Commission File No. 333-70413);

147,419 shares previously registered under the Company's Broad-Based Stock Incentive Plan on Form S-8, filed with the Commission on May 5, 2000 (Commission File No. 333-36332); and 30,000 shares previously registered under the Company's Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors on Form S-8, filed with the Commission on March 8, 2001 (Commission File No. 333-56738). Post-effective amendments to each of the foregoing Forms S-8 to deregister the Carryover Shares are being filed contemporaneously with the filing of this Registration Statement.

(3)

Pursuant to Securities Act Rule 457(h), the maximum offering price, per share and in the aggregate, and the registration fee were calculated based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on November 23, 2012, as quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. The Registrant is paying registration fees solely with respect to the 19,500,000 shares being newly registered. The registration fees with respect to the Carryover Shares were paid upon filing of each of the original Registration Statements on Form S-8 listed in footnote 2 above. Therefore, no further registration fee is required with respect to the Carryover Shares.

The Exhibit Index for this Registration Statement is at page 8.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Company's stockholders approved the 2004 Plan on November 18, 2004 (the "Stockholder Approval Date"). The 2004 Plan provides that, in addition to the shares authorized in connection with the adoption of the 2004 Plan, any shares subject to stock options granted under the Company's Employee Stock Option Plan (as amended, the "Employee Stock Option Plan"), Broad-Based Stock Incentive Plan (as amended, the "Broad-Based Plan") and Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Directors Option Plan," and together with the Employee Stock Option Plan and the Broad-Based Plan, the "Prior Plans") which expire, or for any reason are cancelled or terminated, after the Stockholder Approval Date without being exercised (the "Carryover Shares") will be available for award grant purposes under the 2004 Plan.

On November 8, 2012, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment and restatement of the 2004 Plan that, among other things, increased by 11,500,000 (the "New Shares") the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the 2004 Plan.

The purpose of this Registration Statement is (i) to register the New Shares, and (ii) to carry forward the Carryover Shares (i.e., the shares subject to stock options granted under the Company's Prior Plans which expired, or for any reason were cancelled or terminated, after the Stockholder Approval Date without being exercised) to this Registration Statement. The Carryover Shares consist of 1,524,556 shares previously registered under the Company's Employee Stock Option Plan on Form S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on January 11, 1999 (Commission File No. 333-70413); 147,419 shares previously registered under the Company's Broad-Based Plan on Form S-8, filed with the Commission on May 5, 2000 (Commission File No. 333-36332); and 30,000 shares previously registered under the Company's Directors Option Plan on Form S-8, filed with the Commission on March 8, 2001 (Commission File No. 333-56738). The registration fee paid with respect to the registration of the Carryover Shares on each of the foregoing Forms S-8 was \$6,688.51, \$265.13 and \$29.29, respectively, for an aggregate total of 6,982.93.

In accordance with the principles set forth in Interpretation 89 under Section G of the Manual of Publicly Available Telephone Interpretations of the Commission's Division of Corporation Finance (July 1997) and Instruction E to the General Instructions to Form S-8, this Registration Statement is hereby filed to carry forward the aggregate 1,701,975 Carryover Shares from the Prior Plans to the 2004 Plan and the \$6,982.93 aggregate registration fee previously paid with respect to the registration of those shares. Post-effective amendments to each of the foregoing Forms S-8 to deregister the Carryover Shares are being filed contemporaneously with the filing of this Registration Statement.

This Registration Statement is filed by the Company to register additional securities issuable pursuant to the Plans and consists of only those items required by General Instruction E to Form S-8.

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**PART I**

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE  
SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Securities Act Rule 428(b) (1).

**PART II**

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference**

The following documents of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") are incorporated herein by reference (excluding any portions of such documents that have been "furnished" but not "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")):

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended June 29, 2012, filed with the Commission on August 20, 2012 (Commission File No. 001-08703);
- (b) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for its fiscal quarter ended September 28, 2012, filed with the Commission on November 2, 2012 (Commission File No. 001-08703);
- (c) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on November 13, 2012, September 10, 2012 (with respect to Item 5.02 only), August 21, 2012, August 10, 2012, and July 25, 2012 (with respect to Item 5.02 only) (each, Commission File No. 001-08703);
- (d) The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on May 31, 2012 (Commission File No. 001-08703), and any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description;
- (e) The Company's Registration Statements on Form S-8 relating to the 2004 Plan, filed with the Commission on November 16, 2009 (Commission File No. 333-163133), November 18, 2005 (Commission File No. 333-129813) and February 2, 2005 (Commission File No. 333-122475); and
- (f) The Company's Registration Statements on Form S-8 relating to the ESPP, filed with the Commission on November 25, 2008 (Commission File No. 333-155661) and November 18, 2005 (Commission File No. 333-129813).

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that documents or information deemed to have been "furnished" but not "filed" in accordance with Commission rules shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

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**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel**

The validity of the issuance of Common Stock registered hereby is passed on for the Company by Michael C. Ray. Mr. Ray is the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company and is compensated by the Company as an employee. Mr. Ray owns 8,649 shares of Common Stock, 39,323 restricted stock units that are payable in an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock, and Company stock options to acquire up to an additional 103,630 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Ray is eligible to participate in the Plans.

**Item 8. Exhibits**

See the attached Exhibit Index at page 8, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Form S-8 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Irvine, State of California, on November 29, 2012.

WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION

By:           /s/ John F. Coyne            
John F. Coyne  
Chief Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints John F. Coyne and Michael C. Ray, and each of them, acting individually and without the other, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments, exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them individually, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>          /s/ John F. Coyne          </u> John F. Coyne	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	November 29, 2012
<u>          /s/ Wolfgang U. Nickl          </u> Wolfgang U. Nickl	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	November 29, 2012
<u>          /s/ Thomas E. Pardun          </u> Thomas E. Pardun	Chairman	November 29, 2012

<u>/s/ Kathleen A. Cote</u> Kathleen A. Cote	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Henry T. DeNero</u> Henry T. DeNero	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ William L. Kimsey</u> William L. Kimsey	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Michael D. Lambert</u> Michael D. Lambert	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Len J. Lauer</u> Len J. Lauer	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Matthew E. Massengill</u> Matthew E. Massengill	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Roger H. Moore</u> Roger H. Moore	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Kensuke Oka</u> Kensuke Oka	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Arif Shakeel</u> Arif Shakeel	Director	November 29, 2012
<u>/s/ Masahiro Yamamura</u> Masahiro Yamamura	Director	November 29, 2012



## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
4.1	Western Digital Corporation Amended and Restated 2004 Performance Incentive Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on November 13, 2012 (Commission File No. 001-08703) and incorporated herein by reference.)
4.2	Western Digital Corporation 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
5.	Opinion of Counsel (opinion re: legality).
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP (consent of independent registered public accounting firm).
23.2	Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibit 5).
24.	Power of Attorney (included in this Registration Statement under "Signatures").

**WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION**  
**2005 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

The Western Digital Corporation 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan") shall be established and operated in accordance with the following terms and provisions.

1. Definitions.

As used in the Plan the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- (a) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (b) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (c) "Committee" means the committee appointed by the Board to administer the Plan as described in Section 4 below.
- (d) "Common Stock" means the common stock, \$0.01 par value, of the Company.
- (e) "Company" means Western Digital Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

(f) "Continuous Employment" means the absence of any interruption or termination of service as an Employee with the Company and/or its Participating Subsidiaries. Continuous Employment shall not be considered interrupted in the case of a leave of absence agreed to in writing by the Company, provided that such leave is for a period of not more than 90 days or reemployment upon the expiration of such leave is guaranteed by contract or statute. If a Participating Subsidiary ceases to be a Subsidiary, each person employed by that Subsidiary will be deemed to have had a break in Continuous Employment for purposes of the Plan at the time the Participating Subsidiary ceased to be a Subsidiary, unless such person continues as an Employee in respect of another Company entity.

(g) "Eligible Compensation" means, with respect to each Participant for each pay period, the full salary and wages paid to such Participant by the Company or a Participating Subsidiary, including commissions, bonuses (to the extent not excluded below), overtime pay and shift differentials. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, "Eligible Compensation" does not include

- (i) any amounts contributed by the Company or a Participating Subsidiary to any pension plan or plan of deferred compensation,
- (ii) any automobile or relocation allowances (or reimbursement for any such expenses),
- (iii) any amounts paid that are non-regularly scheduled items of compensation (for example, starting bonus, finder's fee, or other special bonuses),

(iv) any amounts realized from the exercise of qualified or non-qualified stock options, or

(v) any amounts paid by the Company or a Participating Subsidiary for other fringe benefits, such as health and welfare, hospitalization and group life insurance benefits, or perquisites, or paid in lieu of such benefits, such as cash-out of credits generated under a plan qualified under Code Section 125.

(h) "Eligible Employee" means an Employee who is

(i) customarily employed for at least twenty (20) hours per week and more than five months in a calendar year, and

(ii) eligible to participate in the Plan as described in Section 5 below.

If any person is (a) an Employee due to any classification or reclassification of the person as an employee or common-law employee of the Company or one of its Participating Subsidiaries by reason of action taken by any tax or other governmental authority, or (b) an Employee who has a written employment agreement providing that the Employee shall not participate in the Plan until at least two (2) years of Continuous Employment, then such Employee must be employed for at least two (2) years by the Company or one of its Participating Subsidiaries as well as meet the criteria set forth above in subsections (i) and (ii) in order to be an Eligible Employee.

(i) "Employee" means each person currently employed by the Company or one of its Participating Subsidiaries. It shall not include any person who is recorded on the books and records of the Company or one of its Participating Subsidiaries as an independent contractor or consultant or a worker provided by a temporary staffing agency.

(j) "Enrollment Date" means the first day of each Offering Period.

(k) "Exercise Date" means one or more dates during an Offering Period, as established by the Committee in accordance with Section 6 hereof, on which options to purchase Common Stock granted under the Plan shall be exercised as provided in Section 11 hereof.

(l) "Exercise Period" means one or more periods during an Offering Period, the duration of which shall be established by the Committee in accordance with Section 6 hereof, during which payroll deductions are accumulated for purposes of purchasing Common Stock under the Plan on each Exercise Date.

(m) "Exercise Price" means the price per share of shares offered in a given Offering Period determined as provided in Section 10 below.

(n) "Fair Market Value" means, with respect to a share of Common Stock as of any Enrollment Date or Exercise Date (or New Exercise Date, as the case may be), the closing price (in regular trading) of such Common Stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market (or, if the Common Stock is not then traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market, on the principal national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is then listed or admitted to trade (the "Exchange")). In the event that such a closing price is not available for an Enrollment Date or an Exercise Date, or New Exercise Date, the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on such date shall be the closing price (in regular trading) of a share of the Common Stock on the Exchange on the last business day prior to such date or such other amount as may be determined by the Committee by any fair and reasonable means.

(o) "New Exercise Date" means the new exercise date set by the Board in the case of a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the merger of the Company with or into another corporation or other entity in certain circumstances as described in Section 15(b).

(p) "Offering Period" means a period of time with respect to which options are granted under the Plan, the time and duration of which shall be established by the Committee in accordance with Section 6.

(q) "Parent" means any corporation, domestic or foreign, which owns, directly or indirectly, not less than 50% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock or other equity interests of the Company and that otherwise qualifies as a "parent corporation" within the meaning of Section 424(e) of the Code or any successor thereto.

(r) "Participant" means an Eligible Employee who has elected to participate in the Plan by filing an enrollment agreement with the Company as provided in Section 7 below.

(s) "Participating Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary other than a Subsidiary excluded from participation in the Plan by the Committee, in its sole discretion.

(t) "Plan" means this Western Digital Corporation 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(u) "Subsidiary" means any corporation, domestic or foreign, of which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, not less than 50% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock or other equity interests and that otherwise qualifies as a "subsidiary corporation" within the meaning of Section 424(f) of the Code or any successor thereto.

## 2. Purpose of the Plan.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide an incentive for present and future Employees of the Company and its Participating Subsidiaries to acquire a proprietary interest (or increase an existing proprietary interest) in the Company through the purchase of Common Stock. It is the intention of the Company that the Plan qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code. Accordingly, the provisions of the Plan shall be administered, interpreted and construed in a manner consistent with the requirements of that section of the Code.

3. Shares Reserved for the Plan.

(a) There shall be reserved for issuance and purchase by Participants under the Plan an aggregate of 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 15 below. Shares of Common Stock subject to the Plan may be newly issued shares or shares reacquired in private transactions or open market purchases. If and to the extent that any right to purchase reserved shares shall not be exercised by any Participant for any reason or if such right to purchase shall terminate as provided herein, shares that have not been so purchased hereunder shall again become available for the purposes of the Plan unless the Plan shall have been terminated, but all shares sold under the Plan, regardless of source, shall be counted against the limitation set forth above.

(b) From time to time and without shareholder approval, the Committee may fix a maximum limit on the number of shares that may be acquired by any individual during an Exercise Period under the Plan, which limit shall be effective no earlier than the first Offering Period that commences after the determination of such limit by the Committee; provided, however, that any adjustment to such limit pursuant to Section 15 shall apply to any Exercise Period in progress at the time such adjustment is made.

4. Administration of the Plan.

(a) The Plan shall be administered by a Committee appointed by, and which shall serve at the pleasure of, the Board. The Committee shall consist of two or more directors, each of whom is a "Non-Employee Director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as such rule may be amended from time to time. The Committee shall have authority to interpret the Plan, to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, and to make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan, all of which actions and determinations shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons.

(b) The Committee may request advice or assistance or employ such other persons as it in its absolute discretion deems necessary or appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to employing a brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution to assist in the purchase of shares, delivery of reports or other administrative aspects of the Plan.

(c) Neither the Board nor any Committee, nor any member thereof or person acting at the direction thereof, shall be liable for any act, omission, interpretation, construction or determination made in good faith in connection with the Plan, and all such persons shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement by the Company in respect of any claim, loss, damage or expense (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) arising or resulting therefrom to the fullest extent permitted by law and/or under any directors and officers liability insurance coverage that may be in effect from time to time.

5. Eligibility to Participate in the Plan.

Subject to limitations imposed by Section 423(b) of the Code, any Eligible Employee who is employed by the Company or a Participating Subsidiary on an Enrollment Date shall be eligible to participate in the Plan for the Offering Period beginning on that Enrollment Date.

6. Offering Periods.

During the term of the Plan, the Company will grant options to purchase shares of Common Stock in each Offering Period to all Participants in that Offering Period. The Committee shall determine from time to time, subject to the requirements of Section 423 of the Code and no later than the first Offering Period to commence under the Plan, when Offering Periods will be offered during the term of the Plan and shall establish the Enrollment Date(s), the number and duration of the Exercise Period(s), and the Exercise Date(s) for such Offering Period(s), which determinations shall be effective no later than the first Offering Period that commences after they are made by the Committee and provided, however, that no Offering Period may exceed twenty-four (24) months in duration. To the extent consistent with Section 423 of the Code, the Committee may provide for a new Offering Period to commence prior to the termination of one or more preceding Offering Periods.

7. Election to Participate in the Plan.

(a) Each Eligible Employee may elect to participate in an Offering Period by completing an enrollment agreement on a form approved by and in a manner prescribed by the Committee (or its delegate) or, if the Committee does not require enrollment forms, by otherwise completing such enrollment procedures as the Committee may prescribe. Such agreement must be filed with the Company or such other procedures must be completed, as applicable, prior to the applicable Enrollment Date, unless the Committee establishes an earlier deadline for filing the enrollment form for all Eligible Employees with respect to a given Offering Period. An Eligible Employee may participate in an Offering Period only if, as of the Enrollment Date of such Offering Period, such Eligible Employee is not participating in any prior Offering Period which is continuing at the time of such proposed enrollment.

(b) Payroll deductions for a Participant shall commence on the first payroll date on or following the Enrollment Date and shall end on the last payroll date in the Offering Period to which such authorization is applicable, unless sooner terminated by the Participant as provided in Section 12.

(c) Unless a Participant elects otherwise prior to the Enrollment Date of the immediately succeeding Offering Period, an Eligible Employee who is participating in an Offering Period as of the last Exercise Date of such Offering Period (the "Prior Offering Period") shall be deemed (i) to have elected to participate in the immediately succeeding Offering Period and (ii) to have authorized the same payroll deduction for such immediately succeeding Offering Period as was in effect for such Participant immediately prior to the expiration or termination of the Prior Offering Period.

(d) In its discretion, the Committee may determine (with such determination to be effective no earlier than the first Offering Period that commences after such determination by the Committee) that the participation of all Participants on an Exercise Date in an Offering Period that includes more than one Exercise Period shall terminate and such Participants shall be enrolled in a new Offering Period commencing immediately following such Exercise Date if, during such Offering Period, the Fair Market Value determined as of such Exercise Date within such Offering Period is lower than the Fair Market Value determined as of the Enrollment Date of such Offering Period. In such event, each of such Participants shall be deemed for purposes of this Plan (i) to have elected to participate in such new Offering Period, and (ii) to have authorized the same payroll deduction for such new Offering Period as was in effect for such Participant immediately prior to the Termination Date.

8. Payroll Deductions.

(a) All Participant contributions to the Plan shall be made only by payroll deductions. At the time a Participant files the enrollment agreement with respect to an Offering Period, the Participant shall authorize payroll deductions to be made on each payroll date during the Offering Period in an amount up to 10% (or such other limit as the Committee may establish prior to the start of the applicable Offering Period) of the Eligible Compensation which the Participant receives on each payroll date during such Offering Period. The Committee also may prescribe other limits, rules or procedures for payroll deductions. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, the amount of such payroll deductions shall be a whole percentage (i.e., 1%, 2%, 3%, etc.) of the Participant's Eligible Compensation.

(b) All payroll deductions made for a Participant shall be deposited in the Company's general corporate account and shall be credited to the Participant's account under the Plan. No interest shall accrue or be credited with respect to the payroll deductions of a Participant under the Plan. A Participant may not make any additional payments into such account. All payroll deductions received or held by the Company under the Plan may be used by the Company for any corporate purpose, and the Company shall not be obligated to segregate such payroll deductions.

(c) A Participant may discontinue participation in the Plan as provided in Section 12. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in advance of an Offering Period, a Participant may at any time during the Offering Period (but no more than four times in any calendar year) reduce or increase (subject to the limitations of Section 8(a) above) the rate of his or her payroll deductions by completing and filing with the Company a change notice in the form provided by the Company. Any such reduction in the rate of a Participant's payroll deductions shall be effective as of the pay period specified by the Participant in the Participant's change notice, but in no event sooner than the first pay period ending more than fifteen (15) days after the Participant files the change notice with the Company. Any such increase in the rate of a Participant's payroll deductions shall be effective as of the first date of the next Exercise Period within such Offering Period.

9. Grant of Options.

(a) On the Enrollment Date of each Offering Period, subject to the limitations set forth in Sections 3, 9(b) and 17 hereof, each Participant shall be granted an option to purchase on each Exercise Date during such Offering Period up to a number of shares of the Common Stock determined by dividing such Participant's payroll deductions accumulated during the Exercise Period ending on such Exercise Date by the Exercise Price for such Exercise Period (determined as provided in Section 10 below), provided that the number of shares subject to the option shall not exceed five (5) times the number of shares determined by dividing (i) 10% (or such other maximum limit on a Participant's payroll deductions for the Offering Period as the Committee may establish pursuant to Section 8(a)) of the Participant's Eligible Compensation over the Offering Period (determined based upon the Participant's rate of Eligible Compensation in effect as of the Enrollment Date), by (ii) the Fair Market Value of a share of the Common Stock on the Enrollment Date multiplied by the percentage (not less than 85%) used to calculate the Exercise Price for that Offering Period.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Participant shall be granted an option under the Plan (i) if, immediately after the grant, such Participant (or any other person whose stock would be attributed to such Participant pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) would own stock and/or hold outstanding options to purchase stock possessing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or of any Parent or any Subsidiary of the Company, or (ii) which permits such Participant's rights to purchase stock under all employee stock purchase plans of the Company, its Subsidiaries and any Parent to accrue at a rate which exceeds \$25,000 of fair market value of such stock (determined at the time such option is granted) for each calendar year in which such option is outstanding at any time.

10. Exercise Price.

The Committee shall establish from time to time (but no later than the first Offering Period to commence under the Plan) the method for determining the Exercise Price for each Offering Period under the Plan in accordance with this Section 10, which determination shall be effective no earlier than the first Offering Period that commences after such determination is made by the Committee. In making its determination, the Committee may provide that the Exercise Price for an Offering Period shall be determined by applying a discount amount (not to exceed 15%) to either (1) the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the Enrollment Date of such Offering Period, or (2) the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the applicable Exercise Date, or (3) the lesser of the Fair Market Value of a share on the Enrollment Date of such Offering Period or the Fair Market Value of a share on the applicable Exercise Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding provisions of this Section 10, in no event shall the Exercise Price per share be less than the par value of a share of Common Stock.

11. Exercise of Options.

Unless a Participant withdraws from the Plan as provided in Section 12, the Participant's option for the purchase of shares will be exercised automatically on each Exercise Date of the Offering Period, and the maximum number of full shares subject to option will be purchased for the Participant at the applicable Exercise Price with the accumulated payroll deductions in the Participant's account. Any amount remaining in the Participant's account after an Exercise Date that is not sufficient to purchase a whole share shall be held in the account until the next Exercise Date. In the event that an Offering Period has been over-subscribed or that any other applicable Plan limit has been exceeded by a Participant in an Offering Period, any amount remaining in such Participant's account shall be refunded to the Participant as soon as administratively practicable after the end of the Offering Period.



12. Withdrawal; Termination of Employment.

(a) A Participant may withdraw all but not less than all of the payroll deductions credited to the Participant's account under the Plan at any time by giving written notice to the Company. All of the Participant's payroll deductions credited to the Participant's account will be paid to him or her promptly after receipt of the Participant's notice of withdrawal, the Participant's participation in the Plan will be automatically terminated, and no further payroll deductions for the purchase of shares will be made. Payroll deductions will not resume on behalf of a Participant who has withdrawn from the Plan unless written notice is delivered to the Company within the open enrollment period preceding the commencement of an Exercise Period directing the Company to resume payroll deductions.

(b) Upon termination of the Participant's Continuous Employment prior to the Exercise Date of an Offering Period for any reason, including retirement or death, the payroll deductions credited to the Participant's account will be returned to the Participant or, in the case of death, to the Participant's estate, and the Participant's options to purchase shares under the Plan will be automatically terminated.

(c) In the event a Participant fails to maintain Continuous Employment for at least twenty (20) hours per week during an Offering Period, the Participant will be deemed to have elected to withdraw from the Plan, the payroll deductions credited to the Participant's account will be returned to the Participant, and the Participant's options to purchase shares under the Plan will be terminated.

(d) A Participant's withdrawal from an Offering Period will not have any effect upon the Participant's eligibility to participate in a succeeding Offering Period or in any similar plan which may hereafter be adopted by the Company.

13. Transferability.

Neither payroll deductions credited to a Participant's account nor options to purchase Common Stock granted under the Plan may be transferred, assigned, pledged or otherwise disposed of by a Participant other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Options granted under the Plan are exercisable during a Participant's lifetime only by the Participant.

14. Reports.

Individual accounts will be maintained for each Participant in the Plan. Statements of account will be given to Participants promptly following each Exercise Date, which statements will set forth the amounts of payroll deductions, the per share purchase price, the number of shares purchased and the remaining cash balance, if any.

15. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization.

(a) If the outstanding shares of Common Stock are increased or decreased, or are changed into or are exchanged for a different number or kind of shares, as a result of one or more reorganizations, restructurings, recapitalizations, reclassifications, stock splits, reverse stock splits, stock dividends or any similar unusual or extraordinary corporate transaction, appropriate adjustment shall be made in the number and/or kind of shares, and the Exercise Price thereof, which may be issued in the aggregate and to any Participant upon exercise of options granted under the Plan.

(b) In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, each Offering Period then in progress will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action, unless otherwise provided by the Committee. In the event of a proposed sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the merger of the Company with or into another corporation or entity, each option under the Plan shall be assumed or an equivalent option shall be substituted by such successor corporation or entity or a parent or subsidiary of such successor corporation or entity, unless the Committee determines, in the exercise of its sole discretion and in lieu of such assumption or substitution, that the Participants shall have the right to exercise the option as to all of the optioned stock. If the Committee makes an option fully exercisable under these circumstances in lieu of assumption or substitution, each Offering Period then in progress shall be shortened and a new Exercise Date shall be set (the "New Exercise Date"), as of which date any Offering Period then in progress will terminate. The New Exercise Date shall be on or before the date of consummation of the transaction and the Committee shall notify each participant in writing, at least ten (10) days prior to the New Exercise Date, that the Exercise Date for his or her option has been changed to the New Exercise Date and that his or her option will be exercised automatically on the New Exercise Date, unless prior to such date he or she has withdrawn from the Offering Period as provided in Section 12. The Exercise Price on the New Exercise Date shall be determined as provided in Section 10 hereof, and for purposes of determining such Exercise Price, the New Exercise Date shall be treated as the "Exercise Date."

(c) In all cases, the Committee shall have full discretion to exercise any of the powers and authority provided under this Section 15, and the Committee's actions hereunder shall be final and binding on all Participants. No fractional shares of stock shall be issued under the Plan pursuant to any adjustment authorized under the provisions of this Section 15.

16. Amendment of the Plan.

The Board may at any time, or from time to time, amend or suspend the Plan, in whole or in part and without notice; provided, however, that the Plan may not be amended in any way that will cause rights issued under the Plan to fail to meet the requirements for employee stock purchase plans as defined in Section 423 of the Code or any successor thereto, including, without limitation, shareholder approval if required. No options may be granted during any suspension of the Plan or after a termination of the Plan pursuant to Section 17(b) below, but the Committee will retain jurisdiction as to options then outstanding in accordance with the terms of the Plan. No amendment, suspension or termination pursuant to this Section 16 or Section 17 shall, without written consent of the Participant, affect in any manner materially adverse to the Participant any right or benefits of such Participant or obligations of the Company under any option granted under the Plan prior to the effective date of such change; provided that the Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan as to any outstanding options granted under the Plan for an Offering Period, effective as of any Exercise Date within that Offering Period, without the consent of the Participants to whom such options were granted. In no event shall changes contemplated by Section 7(d) or Section 15 be deemed to constitute changes or amendments requiring Participant consent.

17. Termination of the Plan.

The Plan and all rights of Employees hereunder shall terminate:

(a) on the Exercise Date that Participants would become entitled to purchase a number of shares greater than the number of reserved shares remaining available for purchase under the Plan if the final sentence in this Section 17 were not applied; or

(b) at any time, at the discretion of the Board.

In the event that the Plan terminates under circumstances described in Section 17(a) above, reserved shares remaining as of the termination date shall be sold to Participants on a pro rata basis.

18. Notices.

All notices or other communications by a Participant to the Company under or in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to have been duly given when received in the form specified by the Company at the location, or by the person, designated by the Company for the receipt thereof.

19. Shareholder Approval.

Continuance of the Plan shall be subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company within twelve months before or after the date the Plan is adopted. If such shareholder approval is obtained at a duly held shareholders' meeting, it may be obtained by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company present or represented and entitled to vote thereon.

20. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.

(a) The Plan, the grant and exercise of options to purchase shares of Common Stock under the Plan, and the Company's obligation to sell and deliver shares upon the exercise of options to purchase shares shall be subject to all applicable federal, state and foreign laws, rules and regulations, and to such approvals by any regulatory or governmental agency as may, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, be required.

(b) The Company may make such provisions as it deems appropriate for withholding by the Company pursuant to federal or state income tax laws of such amounts as the Company determines it is required to withhold in connection with the purchase or sale by a Participant of any Common Stock acquired pursuant to the Plan. The Company may require a Participant to satisfy any relevant tax requirements before authorizing any issuance of Common Stock to such Participant.

21. Employees' Rights.

(a) Nothing in the Plan (or in any other document related to the Plan) will confer upon any Eligible Employee or Participant any right to continue in the employ or other service of the Company or any Subsidiary, constitute any contract or agreement of employment or other service or affect an employee's status as an employee at will, nor shall interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any Subsidiary to change such person's compensation or other benefits or to terminate his or her employment or other service, with or without cause. Nothing contained in this Section 21(a), however, is intended to adversely affect any express independent right of any such person under a separate employment or service contract.

(b) No Participant or other person will have any right, title or interest in any fund or in any specific asset (including shares of Common Stock) of the Company or any Subsidiary by reason of any option hereunder. Neither the provisions of the Plan (or of any other document related to the Plan), nor the creation or adoption of the Plan, nor any action taken pursuant to the provisions of the Plan will create, or be construed to create, a trust of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company or any Subsidiary and any Participant or other person. To the extent that a Participant or other person acquires a right to receive payment pursuant to the Plan, such right will be no greater than the right of any unsecured general creditor of the Company.

(c) A Participant will not be entitled to any privilege of stock ownership as to any shares of Common Stock not actually delivered to and held of record by the Participant. No adjustment will be made for dividends or other rights as a shareholder for which a record date is prior to such date of delivery.

22. Miscellaneous.

(a) The Plan, the options granted hereunder and any other documents related to the Plan shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware.

(b) If any provision of the Plan shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the Plan shall continue in effect.

(c) Captions and headings are given to the sections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such captions and headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction of interpretation of the Plan or any provision hereof.

(d) The adoption of the Plan shall not affect any other Company or Subsidiary compensation or incentive plans in effect. Nothing in the Plan will limit or be deemed to limit the authority of the Board or Committee (1) to establish any other forms of incentives or compensation for employees of the Company or any Subsidiary (with or without reference to the Common Stock), or (2) to grant or assume options (outside the scope of and in addition to those contemplated by the Plan) in connection with any proper corporate purpose; to the extent consistent with any other plan or authority. Benefits received by a Participant under an option granted pursuant to the Plan shall not be deemed a part of the Participant's compensation for purposes of the determination of benefits under any other employee welfare or benefit plans or arrangements, if any, provided by the Company or any Subsidiary, except where the Committee or the Board (or the Board of Directors of the Subsidiary that sponsors such plan or arrangement, as applicable) expressly otherwise provides or authorizes in writing.

(e) The Committee may also adopt rules, procedures or sub-plans applicable to particular Subsidiaries or locations, which sub-plans may be designed to be outside the scope of Section 423 of the Code.

As Amended August 6, 2012

[Western Digital Corporation Letterhead]

November 29, 2012

Western Digital Corporation  
3355 Michelson Drive, Suite 100  
Irvine, California 92630

Re: **Registration of Securities of Western Digital Corporation**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the registration of up to 21,201,975 shares of Common Stock of Western Digital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof, up to 13,201,975 of such Shares to be issued or delivered pursuant to the Western Digital Corporation Amended and Restated 2004 Performance Incentive Plan (as amended, the "2004 Plan") and up to 8,000,000 of such Shares to be issued or delivered pursuant to the Western Digital Corporation 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (as amended, the "ESPP" and, together with the 2004 Plan, the "Plans"), you have requested my opinion set forth below.

In my capacity as counsel, I have examined originals or copies of those corporate and other records of the Company I considered appropriate.

On the basis of such examination and my consideration of those questions of law I considered relevant, and subject to the limitations and qualifications in this opinion, I am of the opinion that:

(1) the Shares have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company; and

(2) when issued in accordance with such authorization, the provisions of the applicable Plan and relevant agreements duly authorized by and in accordance with the terms of the applicable Plan, and upon payment for and delivery of the Shares as contemplated in accordance with the applicable Plan, and either (a) the countersigning of the certificate or certificates representing the Shares by a duly authorized signatory of the registrar for the Company's Common Stock, or (b) the book-entry of the Shares by the transfer agent for the Company's Common Stock in the name of The Depository Trust Company or its nominee, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

I consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael C. Ray  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors  
Western Digital Corporation:

We consent to the use of our reports dated August 17, 2012, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Western Digital Corporation and subsidiaries as of June 29, 2012 and July 1, 2011, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended June 29, 2012, and the related financial statement schedule, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of June 29, 2012, incorporated herein by reference.

/s/ KPMG LLP

November 29, 2012  
Irvine, California