

COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP
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FORM 4

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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 Reporting Person *
 Mehta Rajeev

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP [CTSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

COO, Global Client Services

C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP., 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TEANECK, NJ 07666

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 12/09/2008 | | A | 75,000 | (2) | (2) | Class A Common Stock | 75,000 |
| Class A Common Stock Option (Right to Buy) (4) | \$ 18.21 | 12/09/2008 | | A | 110,000 | 12/09/2009 | 12/09/2018 | Class A Common Stock | 110,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mehta Rajeev C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP. 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD TEANECK, NJ 07666 | | | COO, Global Client Services | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven E. Schwartz on behalf of Rajeev Mehta, by Power of Attorney
 12/10/2008
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

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).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units were granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended, and vest in quarterly installments over three years, with 1/12th of the stock units vesting on each quarterly vesting date so that the stock units will be fully vested on the twelfth quarterly vesting date. The stock units will be fully vested on December 9, 2011.
- (3) This number reflects the number of stock units beneficially owned following the reported transaction and includes multiple stock unit grants with different vesting dates.
- (4) Such options were granted on December 9, 2008 pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended. Such options vest in four equal annual installments, with 25% of the options vesting on the one year anniversary of the grant date, 25% of the options vesting on the two year anniversary of the grant date, 25% of the options vesting on the three year anniversary of the grant date and 25% of the options vesting on the four year anniversary of the grant date, so

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that the options will be fully vested on the four year anniversary of the grant date. The options will be fully vested on December 9, 2012. The Date Exercisable above reflects the first anniversary date of such options.

- (5) This number reflects the number of stock options beneficially owned following the reported transaction and includes multiple option grants with different exercise prices and vesting dates.

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