

Cowie James J
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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 *
 Cowie James J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC [CDNS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG 5
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/05/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Sr.VP, General Counsel

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/05/2009		A	40,000 (1) A \$ 0	121,108	D (2)	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.2	02/05/2009		A	200,000	<u>(3)</u>	02/05/2016	Common Stock	20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cowie James J 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG 5 SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr.VP, General Counsel	

Signatures

James J.Cowie 02/09/2009
 __Signature of Date
 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).
- (1) Incentive Stock Award vests every 6 months over a 3-year term, subject to the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (2) Beneficial ownership includes 6,278 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person through the Cadence Design Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan on January 30, 2009.
- (3) Stock Option vests at a rate of 1/48th per month.

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