ELECTRONIC ARTS INC

Form 4 March 02, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bene Stephen G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Middle) (First)

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC [ERTS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC., 209 REDWOOD SHORES

PARKWAY

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2005

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

Sr. VP and General Counsel

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

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

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualif Stock Option	X 64 97	03/01/2005		A	25,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2015	Common Stock	25,0
Non-Qualif	n n4 9/	03/01/2005		A	25,000	(2)	03/01/2015	Common Stock	25,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Bene Stephen G C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC. 209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065			Sr. VP and General Counsel			

Signatures

Stephanie Kuo attorney in fact for Stephen G
Bene
03/02/2005

**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) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 24%, 12 months from vest date; then vests as to an additional 2% each month thereafter for 38 months
- (2) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25%, 24 months from grant date; then vests as to an additional 25%, 36 months from grant date; and then vests as to the remaining 50%, 48 months from grant date.

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