

PROBST LAWRENCE F III  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
PROBST LAWRENCE F III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ELECTRONIC ARTS INC [ERTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
209 REDWOOD SHORES  
PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board, CEO

(Street)  
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

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

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                              | (D)                                                      | Price                                                           |

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)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3)                   | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Am Num Sha |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Opti2015 | \$ 64.92                     | 03/01/2005       | A          | 100,000                                              |      |   |     |     | (1)              | 03/01/2015      | Common Stock | 10         |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option   | \$ 64.92                     | 03/01/2005       | A          | 200,000                                              |      |   |     |     | (2)              | 03/01/2015      | Common Stock | 20         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| PROBST LAWRENCE F III<br>209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board, CEO |       |

## Signatures

Stephanie Kuo attorney in fact for Lawrence F. Probst III  
 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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