

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC

Form 4

March 02, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS  
INC., 209 REDWOOD SHORES  
PARKWAY

(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/28/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/28/2006                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                            | 332                                                                                                                | D<br>\$<br>52.7                                                      | 0 (1) D                                                           |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or<br>Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 52.03                                                              | 03/01/2006                              |                                                             | A                                       | 31,500                                                                                                       | (2) 03/01/2016                                                 | Common<br>Stock                                                | 31,500                           |
| Restricted<br>Stock Units                           | (3)                                                                   | 03/01/2006                              |                                                             | A                                       | 4,500                                                                                                        | (4) 03/02/2009                                                 | Common<br>Stock                                                | 4,500                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                     | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                    | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Bene Stephen G<br>C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.<br>209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065 | SVP and General Counsel          |

## Signatures

Stephanie Kuo attorney in fact for Stephen G Bene  
03/02/2006

\_\_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) Disposed of 332 shares acquired under the Electronic Arts Stock Purchase Plan on 02/28/2006
- (2) 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
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Electronic Arts common stock.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units vest as to 25%, 12 months from grant date; then vest as to an additional 25%, 24 months from grant date; and then vest as to the remaining 50%, 36 months from grant date.

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