

Cowie James J
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)
02/07/2011

____ 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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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/07/2011		F ⁽¹⁾	Amount 3,465 D	\$ 9.64 105,866	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2011		A	30,000 ⁽²⁾ A	\$ 0 135,866	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2011		F ⁽⁴⁾	3,183 D	\$ 9.66 132,683	D	

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

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.66	02/08/2011		A		130,000		<u>(3)</u>	02/08/2018	Common Stock	130,000

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 02/09/2011

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations arising out of vesting of restricted stock.

(2) Grant of performance based incentive stock.

(3) Option vests at a rate of 1/48th per month.

(4) Shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations arising out of vesting of restricted stock.

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