

Cooley Thomas A.
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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 *
Cooley Thomas A.

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)
02/05/2010

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

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 | 02/05/2010 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 1,632 D \$ 5.73 | 69,343 | D ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2010 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 40,000 A \$ 0 | 109,343 | 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)

| 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) | \$ 5.6 | 02/08/2010 | | A | 130,000 | <u>(4)</u> | 02/08/2017 | Common Stock | | | 13 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cooley Thomas A. 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG 5 SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | Sr.VP, WFO | |

Signatures

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|---|------------|
| James J. Cowie, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas A. Cooley | 02/08/2010 |
| **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) Shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations arising out of vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction includes 1,214 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person through the Cadence Design Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan on January 29, 2010.
- (3) Grant of performance based incentive stock.
- (4) Option vests at a rate of 1/48th per month.

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