

Modi Nimish Harsukh  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Modi Nimish Harsukh

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)  
02/06/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice President - R&D

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					30,080	I	Held by Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/06/2012		A <sup>(2)</sup>	30,000 A	\$ 0 126,965	D <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	02/06/2012		F	2,094 D	\$ 11.62 124,871	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2012		F <sup>(5)</sup>	1,834 D	\$ 11.76 123,037	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2012		F <sup>(5)</sup>	2,545 D	\$ 11.76 120,492	D	

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.62	02/06/2012		A	90,000	(4) 02/06/2019	Common Stock	90,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Modi Nimish Harsukh 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG 5 SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr. Vice President - R&D	

## Signatures

James J. Cowie, Attorney-in-Fact for Nimish H. Modi	02/08/2012
**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) These securities are held by The Modi Family Revocable Trust dated 2/14/2007, with Nimish Modi and Parul Modi as trustees.
- (2) Grant of performance based incentive stock.
- (3) Amount of securities beneficially owned includes 701 shares acquired by the reporting person through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan on January 31, 2012.
- (4) Option vests at a rate of 1/48th per month.
- (5) Shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations arising out of vesting of restricted stock.

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