

ARTUSI DANIEL 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 *
 ARTUSI DANIEL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/24/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SAN JOSE,, CA 95110
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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)

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| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Director Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 31.39 | 05/24/2011 | | D | 37,500 | ⁽¹⁾ 07/23/2018 | Common Stock | 37,500 |
| Director Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 16.04 | 05/24/2011 | | D | 7,500 | ⁽³⁾ 05/21/2019 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Director Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 33.12 | 05/24/2011 | | D | 7,500 | ⁽⁴⁾ 05/23/2020 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ARTUSI DANIEL A
 C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. X
 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE
 SAN JOSE,, CA 95110

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, 05/24/2011
 Attorney-in-fact

 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) 25% of the options became exercisable on 7/24/2009, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing on 8/24/2009. All of the options became exercisable upon the effective date of the Merger (as defined below).
- (2)

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This option was cancelled and converted into the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying this option multiplied by the amount, if any, that \$45.00 exceeded the exercise price of this option, less any applicable withholding taxes, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of January 5, 2011, by and among Atheros Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), Qualcomm Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("Qualcomm"), and T Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm ("Merger Sub"), pursuant to which Merger Sub merged with and into the Issuer with the Issuer surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm (the "Merger").

- (3) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 6/22/2009. All of the options became exercisable upon the effective date of the Merger.
- (4) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 6/24/2010. All of the options became exercisable upon the effective date of the Merger.

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