

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC

Form 8-K

May 14, 2009

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 13, 2009
CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-15867
(Commission File Number)

77-0148231
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2655 Seely Avenue, Building 5
San Jose, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

95134
(Zip Code)

(408) 943-1234

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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On May 13, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (Cadence) approved and accepted the voluntary reduction of the base salaries of each of Cadence 's executive officers, effective July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. During this period, the base salary of Lip-Bu Tan, Cadence 's President and Chief Executive Officer will be reduced by 20% and the base salary of each of Cadence 's Senior Vice Presidents will be reduced by 10%. This base salary reduction was volunteered by the executive officers in support of Cadence 's cost reduction strategy and commitment to operational efficiency.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 13, 2009, Cadence 's Board of Directors voluntarily reduced the retainer fees payable to its non-employee directors and the retainer fee payable to the Chairman of the Board by 10% each, effective July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

In connection with Cadence 's overall cost reduction strategy, Cadence expects to reduce the base salaries of certain other senior employees, specifically by 5% to 7.5% for fellows, vice presidents and corporate vice presidents, depending on level of seniority.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 14, 2009

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ James J. Cowie
James J. Cowie
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary