

Cowie James J  
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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 \*  
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)  
02/05/2010

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
\_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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price                                                |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/05/2010                           |                                                    | F <sup>(1)</sup>               | 3,598 D \$ 5.73                                                   | 81,790                                                                                        | D                                                        | <sup>(2)</sup>                    |
| Common Stock                    | 02/08/2010                           |                                                    | A <sup>(4)</sup>               | 40,000 A \$ 0                                                     | 121,790                                                                                       | 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<br>Nur<br>Sha |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 5.6                                                 | 02/08/2010                           |                                                    | A                              | 130,000                                                                                 | <u>(3)</u>                                               | 02/08/2017                                                  | Common Stock | 13               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Cowie James J<br>2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG 5<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | Sr.VP, General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

James J.Cowie                      02/10/2010  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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(s) is reduced by 22,500 shares, which were forfeited because certain vesting conditions were not met.
- (3) Option vests at a rate of 1/48th per month.
- (4) Grant of performance-based restricted stock.

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