

L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC  
Form SC 13D  
June 22, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

**L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, \$.01 par value**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**502424104**

(CUSIP Number)

**Ralph V. Whitworth  
Relational Investors, LLC  
12400 High Bluff Drive, Suite 600  
San Diego, CA 92130  
(858) 704-3333**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**June 13, 2011**

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

Edgar Filing: L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC - Form SC 13D

**Note:** Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

---

CUSIP No. 502424104

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors, LLC
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	x
(b)	o
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
OO
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |     |                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>6,347,694      |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>6,347,694 |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
- Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
6,347,694
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
5.98%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IA/HC/OO

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>1,028,817      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>1,028,817 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,028,817
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.97%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Fund Partners, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                  |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>14,697      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-       |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>14,697 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-  |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
14,697
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.01%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Coast Partners, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                  |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>59,251      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-       |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>59,251 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-  |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
59,251
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.06%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
RH Fund 1, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>439,128      |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>439,128 |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
439,128
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.41%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
RH Fund 6, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
 

7.	Sole Voting Power 310,890
8.	Shared Voting Power -0-
9.	Sole Dispositive Power 310,890
10.	Shared Dispositive Power -0-
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
310,890
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.29%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With



1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors VIII, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>1,189,697      |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>1,189,697 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,189,697
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
1.12%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors IX, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
 

7.	Sole Voting Power 370,739
8.	Shared Voting Power -0-
9.	Sole Dispositive Power 370,739
10.	Shared Dispositive Power -0-
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
370,739
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.35%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors X, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>142,286      |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>142,286 |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
142,286
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.13%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XV, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>143,862      |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>143,862 |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
143,862
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.14%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XVI, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>124,537      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>124,537 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
124,537
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.12%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XX, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>118,179      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>118,179 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
118,179
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.11%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XXII, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
 

7.	Sole Voting Power 199,610
8.	Shared Voting Power -0-
9.	Sole Dispositive Power 199,610
10.	Shared Dispositive Power -0-
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
199,610
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.19%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XXIII, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>165,338      |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>165,338 |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
165,338
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.16%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With



1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors Alpha Fund I, L.P.
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>291,689      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>291,689 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
291,689
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.27%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Ralph V. Whitworth
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
NA
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
United States
- |   |     |                                       |
|---|-----|---------------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>-0-              |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>6,347,694      |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>-0-         |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>6,347,694 |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
6,347,694
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
5.98%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
David H. Batchelder
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
NA
  5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
  6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
United States
- |   |     |                                       |
|---|-----|---------------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>-0-              |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>6,347,694      |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>-0-         |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>6,347,694 |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
6,347,694
  12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
  13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
5.98%
  14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IN

## Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Statement on Schedule 13D (this **Statement**) relates to the common stock, \$0.01 par value (the **Shares**) of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc (the **Issuer** or the **Company**). The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at 600 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

## Item 2. Identity and Background

This Statement is being filed by and on behalf of Relational Investors, L.P. ( **RILP** ), Relational Fund Partners, L.P. ( **RFP** ), Relational Coast Partners, L.P. ( **RCP** ), RH Fund 1, L.P. ( **RH1** ), RH Fund 6, L.P. ( **RH6** ), Relational Investors VIII, L.P. ( **RI VIII** ), Relational Investors IX, L.P. ( **RI IX** ), Relational Investors X, L.P. ( **RI X** ), Relational Investors XV, L.P. ( **RI XV** ), Relational Investors XVI, L.P. ( **RI XVI** ), Relational Investors XX, L.P. ( **RI XX** ), Relational Investors XXII, L.P. ( **RI XXII** ), Relational Investors XXIII, L.P. ( **RI XXIII** ) and Relational Investors Alpha Fund I, L.P. ( **RIA 1** ), collectively, the **Relational LPs**. Each of the Relational LPs is a Delaware limited partnership. The principal business of each, is investing in securities.

This Statement is also being filed by and on behalf of Relational Investors, LLC ( **RILLC** ), a Delaware limited liability company. The principal business of RILLC is being the sole general partner, or the sole managing member of the general partner, of certain investment partnerships, including the Relational LPs and investment adviser of certain client managed accounts, the **Managed Accounts**. The Relational LPs and the **Managed Accounts** are the beneficial owners of the securities covered by this Statement. Pursuant to the Limited Partnership Agreement of each of the Relational LPs and the investment management agreement of the **Managed Accounts**, RILLC has sole investment discretion and voting authority with respect to the securities covered by this Statement.

This Statement is also being filed by and on behalf of Ralph V. Whitworth and David H. Batchelder. Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder are the Principals of RILLC, in which capacity they share voting control and dispositive power over the securities covered by this Statement. Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder, therefore, may be deemed to have shared indirect beneficial ownership of such securities. The present principal occupation of each of Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder is serving as Principals of RILLC (Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder, together with Relational LPs and RILLC, hereinafter, the **Reporting Persons** ).

During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons has been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and similar misdemeanors) or (ii) a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction, and as a result of such proceeding, was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is 12400 High Bluff Drive, Suite 600, San Diego, CA 92130.

Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder are each citizens of the United States.

## Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

RILLC and the **Managed Accounts** purchased an aggregate of 1,748,974 Shares for a total consideration (including brokerage commissions) of \$141.4 million derived from capital of RILLC and the **Managed Accounts**.

The Relational LPs purchased an aggregate of 4,598,720 Shares for total consideration (including brokerage commissions) of \$372.3 million derived from the capital of the Relational LPs and margin borrowings from Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC ( **CSSU** ) for RFP, RCP, RH1, RI XX and RI XXIII.

Interest on the margin debt balance of the margin accounts described above is charged at the then Federal Funds Rate plus 50 basis points. **CSSU** has a lien on the Shares held by RFP, RCP, RH1, RI XX and RI XXIII to secure repayment of the margin borrowings described above.

## Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

## Edgar Filing: L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC - Form SC 13D

The Reporting Persons acquired the Shares reported in this Statement because, in their opinion, such Shares are undervalued by the market at the present time.

The Company's Shares have underperformed the S&P 1500 Aerospace & Defense Index and the core defense group, as presented by the Company for comparative purposes in its Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A on March 14, 2011, over the last one-, three- and five-year periods. The Shares have also underperformed the broader market S&P 500 Index over the last one- and three-year periods.

The Reporting Persons believe the Share discount is at least partially attributable to the Company's sub-optimal business mix and the Company's current strategy. The Reporting Persons have discussed these issues from time to time with the Company's management team and believe management is aware of the issues. The Reporting Persons believe that the market will reward the Company with a higher share price to earnings multiple if the Company takes strategic and tactical actions to address its business mix. Such actions could include the disposition or spin-off of underperforming or low-growth, low-margin assets. In particular, the Reporting Persons believe certain of the Company's assets may lend themselves to acquisition by private equity participants where recent activity has been robust. Based on management's recent public statements the Reporting Persons are gaining confidence that the Company's board and management will better address these issues in an effort to increase shareholder value. The Reporting Persons note that several companies within the defense industry have recently benefited from taking such actions.

The Reporting Persons intend to closely monitor the Company's performance, business mix and strategic direction and may modify their plans in the future depending on future events and any actions taken or omitted by the Company. The Reporting Persons and their representatives and advisers intend to continue their discussions regarding the Company, its business mix, strategic direction, operations and capital allocation discipline with members of the board of directors and management of the Company. In addition, the Reporting Persons and their representatives and advisers may communicate with other shareholders, industry participants and other interested parties concerning the Company.

Although the Reporting Persons do not have any current plans other than the monitoring and communication program outlined above, the Reporting Persons reserve the right to, and may in the future exercise any and all of their respective rights as shareholders of the Company in a manner consistent with their equity interests, including seeking representation on the Company's board of directors at a special or annual meeting of the Company's shareholders.

The Reporting Persons may from time-to-time (i) acquire additional Shares (subject to availability at prices deemed favorable) in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, or (ii) dispose of Shares at prices deemed favorable in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise.

As of the date of this Statement, except as set forth above, none of the Reporting Persons has any present plan or intention which would result in or relate to any of the actions described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) As of the date of this Statement, the Reporting Persons beneficially owned in the aggregate 6,347,694 Shares, constituting 5.98% of the outstanding Shares. The percentage of Shares owned is based upon 106,127,785 Shares outstanding on May 2, 2011, as set forth in the Issuer's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2011. The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have direct beneficial ownership of the Shares as follows:

NAME	NUMBER OF SHARES	% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	VOTING AND DISPOSITIVE POWER
RILLC	1,748,974	1.65%	Sole
RILP	1,028,817	0.97%	Sole
RFP	14,697	0.01%	Sole
RCP	59,251	0.06%	Sole
RH1	439,128	0.41%	Sole
RH6	310,890	0.29%	Sole
RI VIII	1,189,697	1.12%	Sole
RI IX	370,739	0.35%	Sole
RI X	142,286	0.13%	Sole
RI XV	143,862	0.14%	Sole
RI XVI	124,537	0.12%	Sole
RI XX	118,179	0.11%	Sole
RI XXII	199,610	0.19%	Sole
RI XXIII	165,338	0.16%	Sole
RIA 1	291,689	0.27%	Sole

RILLC, individually and in its capacity as an investment adviser, may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership of the 1,748,974 Shares that are owned by it and the Managed Accounts. Additionally, RILLC, as the sole general partner, or sole managing member of the general partner, of each of the Relational LPs may be deemed to beneficially own (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) the

Edgar Filing: L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC - Form SC 13D

4,598,720 Shares beneficially owned by the Relational LPs because the limited partnership agreements of the Relational LPs specify that RILLC has sole investment discretion and voting authority with respect to those Shares.

Each of Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder, as Principals of RILLC, may be deemed to share indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares which RILLC may beneficially own. Each of Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

To the best of the knowledge of each of the Reporting Persons, other than as set forth above, none of the persons named in Item 2 is the beneficial owner of any Shares.

(b) See item (a) above.

(c) Except as set forth in Exhibit A to this Statement, none of the Reporting Persons has effected any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days.

(d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares covered by this Statement, except that dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, the Shares held by accounts managed by RILLC may be delivered to such accounts.

(e) Not applicable.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

Except for the joint filing agreement between and among the Reporting Persons attached hereto as Exhibit B, and except for the investment discretion and voting authority described in Item 2 of this Statement and in the respective partnership agreements of the Relational LPs which each contain provisions whereby RILLC may, after certain adjustments, receive a percentage of realized or unrealized profits, if any, derived from that partnership's investments, to the best of the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the Reporting Persons or between the Reporting Persons and any other person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits**

The following Exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit A Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons in the last 60 days.

Exhibit B Joint Filing Agreement.



**Signature**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 22, 2011

RELATIONAL INVESTORS, L.P.  
RELATIONAL FUND PARTNERS, L.P.  
RELATIONAL COAST PARTNERS, L.P.  
RH FUND 1, L.P.  
RH FUND 6, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS VIII, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS IX, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS X, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS XV, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS XVI, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS XX, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS XXII, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS XXIII, L.P.  
RELATIONAL INVESTORS ALPHA FUND I, L.P.

By: RELATIONAL INVESTORS, LLC  
as general partner to each, except as the sole managing member of the general partners of Relational Alpha Fund I, L.P. and Relational Investors X, L.P.

By: */s/ Ralph V. Whitworth*  
Ralph V. Whitworth, Principal

RELATIONAL INVESTORS, LLC

By: */s/ Ralph V. Whitworth*  
Ralph V. Whitworth, Principal

*/s/ Ralph V. Whitworth*  
Ralph V. Whitworth

*/s/ David H. Batchelder*  
David H. Batchelder