

Cowie James J
Form 4
February 08, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
02/06/2012

____ 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
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/06/2012		A		30,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	149,822	D
Common Stock	02/06/2012		F ⁽³⁾		2,784	D	\$ 11.62	147,038	D
Common Stock	02/08/2012		F ⁽³⁾		2,468	D	\$ 11.76	144,570	D
Common Stock	02/08/2012		F ⁽³⁾		1,834	D	\$ 11.76	142,736	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.62	02/06/2012		A	80,000	<u>(2)</u> 02/06/2019	Common Stock	80,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

James J.Cowie 02/08/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Grant of performance bases incentive stock.

(2) Option vests at a rate of 1/48th per month.

(3) Shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations arising out of vesting of restricted stock.

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