

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2011

**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): February 14, 2011**  
**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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 16, 2011, Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (the Company ) announced that Susan L. Bostrom had been elected to the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board ). The Board also appointed Ms. Bostrom to serve on the Board's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. Ms. Bostrom will be compensated for her services and enter into an indemnification agreement as described in the discussion of director compensation in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2010. In connection with her appointment, Ms. Bostrom received a grant of options to purchase 6,250 shares of Cadence common stock pursuant to the Company's 1995 Directors Stock Option Plan.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

Exhibit No.	Description
99.01	Cadence Design Systems, Inc. Press Release dated February 16, 2011.

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**SIGNATURES**

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: February 16, 2011

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.

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

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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