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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GEORGENS THOMAS (Last) (First) (Middle) 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94089 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2008 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. II | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President, COO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Person | | | | | |
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| (51.5) | (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | | ction | ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. 4. Secur Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. and 5) | | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | s Form Illy (D) of Indi g (Ins | | : Direct or E | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Code | ٧ | Amount | unt (A) or (D) | | Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | | | | |
| 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) | Title of 2. 3. Transaction Jak. Deemed Execution Date, urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | 4. Transact | I. 5. Number Fransaction of Code (Instr. Derivative | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) UD | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4) | s S Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$21.4 | 02/15/2008 | | | A | | 300,000 | | (1) | 0: | 2/14/2015 | Common Stock | 300,000 | \$0 | 300,00 | 00 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option vests with respect to 25% of the option shares on January 29, 2009 and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 36 months of service thereafter.

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Thomas 02/20/2008 Georgens

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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