

Hsu Chi-Ping  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Hsu Chi-Ping

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)  
03/19/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice President, R&D

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_ 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 or Price		
Common Stock	03/19/2012		M		47,313 (1)	A	\$ 10.435 184,680 D
Common Stock	03/19/2012		S		47,313 (1) (3)	D	\$ 12.523 137,367 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.435	03/19/2012		M	47,313	04/17/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/17/2013	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hsu Chi-Ping 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG 5 SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr. Vice President, R&D	

## Signatures

James J. Cowie, Attorney-in-Fact for Chi-Ping Hsu  
 Signature of Reporting Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/20/2012

## 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) The transaction reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the reporting person effective March 9, 2012.
- (2) Option was granted on April 17, 2003 and is fully vested.
- (3) Weighted average purchase price for all transactions with the range between \$12.50 and \$12.59.

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