

COTTLE KAREN O
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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 *
COTTLE KAREN O

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ADOBE SYSTEMS INC [ADBE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ADOBE SYSTEMS
INCORPORATED, 345 PARK
AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/12/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

(Street)
SAN JOSE, CA 95110

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 01/12/2011 | | M | 18,563 A | \$ 19.93 75,213 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/12/2011 | | S | 18,563 D | \$ 33.5059 56,650 ⁽²⁾ | 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.93 | 01/12/2011 | | M | 18,563 | 01/12/2011 ⁽³⁾ 01/26/2016 | Common Stock 18,563 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COTTLE KAREN O
ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED
345 PARK AVENUE
SAN JOSE, CA 95110

SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Stuart Fagin, as
attorney-in-fact

01/12/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Includes 1086 shares acquired on June 30, 2010 pursuant to Adobe's 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$33.500 to \$33.555. The price reported above reflects the

(2) weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

(3) Vests at a rate of 2.08% per month for 48 months.

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