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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SOARES DAVID	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NETGEAR INC [NTGR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
NETGEAR, INC., 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY	(Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP, Worldwide Sales			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or		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							7,997	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 4.51	10,000	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		D	10,000	D	\$ 23.34	0	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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.35						<u>(1)</u>	03/11/2015	Common Stock	35,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.51	05/17/2006		M		10,000	(2)	04/05/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.57						(3)	10/24/2010	Common Stock	14,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11						<u>(4)</u>	07/11/2013	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.79						<u>(5)</u>	02/26/2014	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.26						<u>(6)</u>	07/23/2014	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOARES DAVID NETGEAR, INC. 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Senior VP, Worldwide Sales

Signatures

/s/ David Soares 05/17/2006

**Signature of Pate 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).
- 100% of this option grant is exercisable on 3/11/05, the grant date. Shares underlying the option are restricted from transfer, with the (1) restriction lapsing with respect to 25% of the shares on each subsequent anniversary of the grant date, so that all underlying shares will be free from transfer restrictions on 3/11/09.
- (2) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 04/05/01, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (3) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 10/24/2001, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (4) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 7/11/2004, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (5) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 02/26/2005, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (6) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 07/23/2005, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.

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