

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
LAU JAMES K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
[NTAP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
495 EAST JAVA DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/08/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President,

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 9.99	3,787,457	I by Trust3 (2)
Common Stock	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 14.167	3,790,105	I by Trust3 (2)
Common Stock	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 15.711	3,792,377	I by Trust3 (2)
Common Stock	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 17.146	3,793,933	I by Trust3 (2)
Common Stock	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 15.32	3,833,933	I by Trust3 (2)

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Common Stock	01/08/2007	S ⁽¹⁾	50,000	D	\$ 39.6518 ⁽³⁾	3,783,933	I	by Trust3 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock						4,787	D	
Common Stock						68,600	I	by Trust1 ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock						68,600	I	by Trust2 ⁽⁵⁾

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.99	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	3,524	⁽⁶⁾	10/31/2012	Common Stock	3,524
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.167	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	2,648	⁽⁷⁾	01/02/2010	Common Stock	2,648
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.32	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	40,000	⁽⁸⁾	02/06/2012	Common Stock	40,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.711	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	2,272	⁽⁶⁾	05/08/2013	Common Stock	2,272
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.146	01/08/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	1,556	⁽⁹⁾	01/01/2011	Common Stock	1,556

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAU JAMES K 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			Executive Vice President,	

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: James
K. Lau 01/10/2007

__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) The option exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 20, 2006.
- (2) Shares held in trust by James K. Lau and Katherine S. Lau, trustees to the KNSK Trust UDT 9/18/00
- (3) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$39.39 to \$40.18 per share.
- (4) Shares held in trust by Koon H. Lau, trustee to The Jason A. Lau 1998 Trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (5) Shares held in trust by Koon H. Lau, trustee to The Jonathan A. Lau 1998 Trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (6) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.
- (7) Option vests with respect to 1/12 of the option shares on January 31, 2000 and the balance in a series of equal month installments over the next 11 months thereafter.

Option vests with respect to 20% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the 12 months of service measured from the first anniversary of the option date; 30% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the following 12 months of service; and 50% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the final 12 months of service.
- (8) Option vests with respect to 1/12 of the option shares on 1/31/01 and the balance in a series of equal month installments over the next 11 months thereafter.
- (9)

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