AVID TECHNOLOGY INC

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BILLINGS GEORGE H**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

AVID TECHNOLOGY INC [AVID]

(Check all applicable)

62 GUNNING POINT

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2006

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FALMOUTH, MA 02540

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

Title of Derivative		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit
Security	or Exercise	()	any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)		

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	Derivative Security			(or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.69	05/24/2006	A		10,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/24/2016	Common Stock	10,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolong of the Fund of Fundament	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
BILLINGS GEORGE H 62 GUNNING POINT FALMOUTH, MA 02540	X						

Signatures

John LaMountain, Attorney-in-Fact 05/25/2006

**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 becomes exercisable in full on the earlier of 12 months from the date of grant or the business day prior to Avid's next annual meeting of stockholders following the date of grant.

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