

COGNEX CORP  
Form 4  
August 31, 2011

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SHILLMAN ROBERT J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**COGNEX CORPORATION, ONE  
VISION DRIVE**

(Street)

**NATICK, MA 01760**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**COGNEX CORP [CGNX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/29/2011**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/29/2011		M		24,000	A	\$ 21.74	3,559,506	D
Common Stock	08/29/2011		S		24,000	D	\$ 35.3742	3,535,506	D
Common Stock	08/29/2011		M		41,250	A	\$ 21.195	3,576,756	D
Common Stock	08/29/2011		S		41,250	D	\$ 35.3742	3,535,506	D
Common Stock	08/29/2011		M		42,500	A	\$ 21.66	3,578,006	D

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Common Stock	08/29/2011	S	42,500	D	\$ 35.3742	3,535,506	D
Common Stock	08/29/2011	M	7,000	A	\$ 18.7	3,542,506	D
Common Stock	08/29/2011	S	7,000	D	\$ 35.3742	3,535,506	D
Common Stock	08/30/2011	M	19,250	A	\$ 18.7	3,554,756	D
Common Stock	08/30/2011	S	19,250	D	\$ 35.4843	3,535,506	D
Common Stock	08/30/2011	M	15,750	A	\$ 18.7	3,551,256	D
Common Stock	08/30/2011	S	15,750	D	\$ 35.4843	3,535,506	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Am or Num of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.7	08/29/2011		M	7,000	02/19/2009 02/19/2018	Common Stock 7,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.7	08/30/2011		M	19,250	02/19/2009 02/19/2018	Common Stock 19
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.7	08/30/2011		M	15,750	02/19/2010 02/19/2018	Common Stock 15
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 21.195	08/29/2011		M	41,250	01/01/2004 04/02/2013	Common Stock 41

(right to buy)

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.66	08/29/2011	M	42,500	01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	42
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.74	08/29/2011	M	24,000	01/01/2003	02/11/2012	Common Stock	24
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHILLMAN ROBERT J COGNEX CORPORATION ONE VISION DRIVE NATICK, MA 01760	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Robert J. Shillman	08/31/2011
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\_\_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).

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