

LOVETT JAMES W

Form 4

February 18, 2010

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 *
LOVETT JAMES W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COVANCE INC., 210 CARNEGIE
CENTER

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
COVANCE INC [CVD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below)

Corporate Sr. Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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)
Common Stock	02/16/2010		D	(A) or (D) 1,802 (1)	\$ 0 30,543	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2010		A	4,013 A	\$ 0 34,556	D	
Common Stock - 401(k) Plan					1,697	I	Held By Trustee

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)	8. Date of Exercise or Expiration (Month/Day/Year)	9. Title of Underlying Security	10. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.93	02/17/2010		A	12,544	(2) 02/16/2020	Common Stock			12,544

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LOVETT JAMES W COVANCE INC. 210 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233			Corporate Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

James W. Lovett 02/18/2010
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Shares forfeited in accordance with the terms of the applicable restricted stock agreement.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting one year from grant date.

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