

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

February 10, 2006

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
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PORTER WILLIAM

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS
INC [CDNS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG. 5
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/08/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP, CFO

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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

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

(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) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (1) | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | | A | | 100,000 (1) | A | \$ 0 276,624 |
| | | | | | | D | |

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) | \$ 16.525 | 02/08/2006 | | A | 150,000 | (2) 02/08/2016 | Common Stock 150 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| PORTER WILLIAM 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG. 5 SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | Executive VP, CFO |

Signatures

R.L. Smith McKeithen, Attorney-in-Fact for William
Porter 02/08/2006

__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) Grant of restricted stock.
- (2) Option was granted on February 8, 2006 and vests at a rate of 1/48th per month thereafter.

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