

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

Form S-8

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Registration No. 333-_____

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM S-8

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

NETWORK APPLIANCE, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

77-0307520
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**495 East Java Drive,
Sunnyvale, California 94089**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

SPINNAKER NETWORKS, INC. 2000 STOCK PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

**Daniel J. Warmenhoven
Chief Executive Officer and Director
Network Appliance, Inc.
495 East Java Drive,
Sunnyvale, California 94089
(408) 822-6000**
(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,
Including Area Code for Agent for Service)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Maximum Amount of Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Stock Options and Common Stock (par value \$0.001)	1,720,764(2)	\$ 8.72(3)	\$15,005,062	\$ 1,901
Stock Options and Common Stock (par value \$0.001)	1,221,236(4)	\$23.74(5)	\$28,992,123	\$ 3,673

- (1) This registration statement shall also cover any additional Common Stock which become issuable under the Spinnaker Networks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan (the Plan) by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the registrant s outstanding Common Stock.
- (2) Represents 1,720,764 shares of Common Stock subject to options or restricted stock units outstanding under the Plan, which options and restricted stock units were assumed by the registrant in connection with the acquisition of Spinnaker Networks, Inc. by the registrant in February, 2004.
- (3) Estimated for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The price of \$8.72 per share represents the weighted average exercise price for such outstanding options and restricted stock units.
- (4) Represents 1,221,236 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Plan.
- (5) Estimated for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act. The price of \$23.74 per share represents the average of the high and low prices reported on the Nasdaq National Market as of February 18, 2004 for the Common Stock of the registrant.

[Proposed sales to take place as soon after the effective date of the registration statement as options granted under the Plan are exercised.]

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Network Appliance, Inc. (the Registrant) has prepared this registration statement in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register Common Shares issuable pursuant to the Plan. In February, 2004, the Registrant acquired Spinnaker Networks. In connection with the acquisition, the Registrant assumed the Plan and all the options then outstanding under the Plan, which options became exercisable for Common Shares of the Registrant.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The Registrant will send or give the documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 to Plan participants as specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. The Registrant does not need to file these documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) either as a part of the registration statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements under Rule 424 of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Commission:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2003, filed with the Commission on June 25, 2003, pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act);
- (b) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 1, 2003, filed with the Commission on September 3, 2003;
- (c) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 31, 2003, filed with the Commission on December 4, 2003;
- (d) The Registrant's Registration Statement No. 000-27130 on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on November 1, 1995, in which there is described the terms, rights and provisions applicable to the Registrant's Common Stock.

All reports and definitive proxy or information statements filed pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which de-registers all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date

of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

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Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation law authorizes a court to award or a corporation's board of directors to grant indemnification to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit the indemnification under some circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Article IX of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant provides that, subject to Delaware law, its directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duties to the Registrant and its stockholders. This provision does not eliminate any director's fiduciary duties and in appropriate circumstances, equitable remedies such as injunctive or other forms of non-monetary relief will remain available under Delaware law. The provision also does not affect a director's responsibilities under any other law, such as the federal securities laws or state or federal environmental laws. The Registrant's bylaws also provide that the Registrant shall indemnify its directors, officers and employees to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, subject to limited exceptions; and the Company may advance expenses to its directors, officers and employees in connection with a legal proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, subject to limited exceptions. The rights provided in the Company's bylaws are not exclusive.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The following are the exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

**Exhibit
Number**

- 4.1 The Registrant's Registration Statement No. 000-27130 on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on November 1, 1995, in which there is described the terms, rights and provisions applicable to the Registrant's Common Stock.
- 5.1 Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte and Touche LLP, Independent Auditors.
- 23.2 Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney is contained on the signature page.
- 99.1 Spinnaker Networks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

In accordance with the requirements of Item 8(b) of Part II of Form S-8, the Registrant will submit or has submitted the Plan, and any amendments thereto, to the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") in a timely manner and has made or will make all changes required by the IRS to qualify the Plan.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(Sanjiv Ahuja)

/s/ CAROL A. BARTZ

Director

March 1,
2004

(Carol A. Bartz)

/s/ NICHOLAS G. MOORE

Director

March 1,
2004

(Nicholas G. Moore)

Director

March ,
2004

(Michael R. Hallman)

/s/ ROBERT T. WALL

Director

March 1,
2004

(Robert T. Wall)

/s/ DR. SACHIO SEMMOTO

Director

March 1,
2004

(Dr. Sachio Semmoto)

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