

DSOUZA FRANCISCO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DSOUZA FRANCISCO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP [CTSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP., 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2012

(Street)
TEANECK, NJ 07666

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	02/28/2012		M	5,300 (1)	A \$ 0	177,815	D
Class A Common Stock	02/28/2012		F	1,781 (2)	D \$ 71.55	176,034	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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	02/28/2012		M		5,300	02/28/2012 ⁽⁴⁾	02/28/2012 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁷⁾	02/28/2012		A		170,511	⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁷⁾	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DSOUZA FRANCISCO C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP. 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD TEANECK, NJ 07666	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Steven Schwartz on behalf of Francisco D'Souza, by Power of Attorney

03/01/2012

__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) Shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock received from the vesting of 1/12 of the restricted stock unit award granted on November 28, 2011.

(2) Represents the portion of shares of Class A Common Stock that the Company determined to settle in cash to pay applicable tax withholding.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

(4) The restricted stock units were granted on November 28, 2011 under the Cognizant Technology Solutions 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan and vest in quarterly installments over three years, with 1/12th of the stock units vesting on each quarterly vesting date so that the stock units will be fully vested on the twelfth quarterly vesting date. The stock units will be fully vested on November 28, 2014.

(5)

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Excludes previously granted restricted stock units for an aggregate of 116,987 shares of Class A Common Stock, which have different vesting schedules.

Represents the total number of performance-based restricted stock units which vested based upon attainment by the Company of certain performance milestones, as determined by the Company's compensation committee on February 28, 2012 based upon the audited financials for the 2011 fiscal year. The performance-based restricted stock units were granted on November 30, 2010 under the Cognizant

- (6) Technology Solutions 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan. In accordance with the performance-based restricted stock unit award, 1/3 of the vested performance-based restricted stock units shall be issued on the eighteen-month anniversary of the date of grant of such performance-based restricted stock units, provided the reporting person remains in the Company's service through such anniversary date. (Continued in the next footnote.)

- (7) (Continued from the previous footnote.) The remaining 2/3 of the vested performance-based restricted stock units shall be issued on the thirty-six month anniversary of the date of grant of such performance-based restricted stock units, provided that the grantee remains in the Company's service through such anniversary date. Each performance-based restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A Common Stock. The reporting person will disclose the receipt of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock underlying the performance-based restricted stock units on Table I of Form 4, if and when such reporting person satisfies the aforementioned service-based conditions.

- (8) Excludes previously granted restricted stock units for an aggregate of 175,287 shares of Class A Common Stock, which have different vesting schedules.

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