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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2006	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President,
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	Symbol NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2006 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of	Price	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	05/04/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	35,000	D	\$ 36.7932 (2)	4,028,933	I	by Trust3
Common Stock							3,651	D	
Common Stock							68,600	I	by Trust1
Common Stock							68,600	I	by Trust2

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Under	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAU JAMES K 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

Executive Vice President,

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: James K. Lau

05/05/2006

**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) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 30, 2005.
- (2) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$35.96 to \$37.09 per share.
- (3) Shares held in trust by James K. Lau and Katherine S. Lau, trustees to the KNSK Trust UDT 9/18/00
- Shares held in trust by Koon H. Lau, trustee to The Jason A. Lau 1998 Trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such (4) shares.
- Shares held in trust by Koon H. Lau, trustee to The Jonathan A. Lau 1998 Trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such **(5)** shares.

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Reporting Owners 2

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