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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Bene Stephen G
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 10/11/2004

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ELECTRONIC ARTS INC [ERTS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Sr. V.P. and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.,Â 209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY

(Street)

REDWOOD CITY,Â CAÂ 94065

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-qualified stock option	Â (1)	10/05/2011	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 23.27	D	Â
Non-qualified stock option	Â (1)	09/08/2010	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 24.75	D	Â
Non-qualified stock option	Â (2)	10/07/2012	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 31.315	D	Â
Non-qualified stock option	Â (2)	06/20/2013	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 37.46	D	Â
Non-qualified stock option	Â (2)	10/05/2014	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 45.33	D	Â
Non-qualified stock option	Â (2)	10/24/2013	Common Stock	24,000	\$ 48.785	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bene Stephen G C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC. 209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY REDWOOD CITY,Â CAÂ 94065	Â	Â	Â Sr. V.P. and General Counsel	Â

Signatures

Flora B. Lee as Attorney in fact for Stephen G Bene
Date: 10/15/2004

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Options becomes exercisable on a monthly basis over a period of 50 months.
- (2) Options granted will first vest and become exercisable as to 24%, 12 months from Date of Grant and will then vest 2% on the first calendar day of each month thereafter for 38 months.

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