

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
**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)  
**04/17/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP, CFO**

**SAN JOSE, CA 95134**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	04/17/2006		M		10,000	A	\$ 10.105
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		5,000	D	\$ 18.0936
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		625	D	\$ 18.0883
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		625	D	\$ 18.1067
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		625	D	\$ 18.1369

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Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	500	D	\$ 18.1528	279,249	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	750	D	\$ 18.1539	278,499	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	625	D	\$ 18.1389	277,874	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	625	D	\$ 18.1237	277,249	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	625	D	\$ 18.1564	276,624	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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 10.105	04/17/2006		M	10,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	01/29/2013	Common Stock	10,000

## 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

/s/ R.L. Smith McKeithen, Attorney-in-Fact for William  
Porter

04/19/2006

\_\_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) The transaction reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the reporting person on November 30, 2005.
  - (2) Option was granted on January 29, 2003 and vests at a rate of 1/48th per month thereafter.

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