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WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No) *
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
502 424 104
(CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2003
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
[_] Rule 13d-1(b) [_] Rule 13d-1(c) [x] Rule 13d-1(d)

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	RTING PERSONS IFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONI Penta	LY)
2. CHECK THE AP	PROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [_] (b) [_]
3. SEC USE ONLY		
4. CITIZENSHIP United State	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
NUMBER OF 5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	
SHARES	5,268,840	
BENEFICIALLY 6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY	0	
EACH $7.$	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
REPORTING	4,968,840	
PERSON 8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
WITH	300,000	
9. AGGREGATE AM	OUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PE	ERSON
5,268,840		
10. CHECK BOX IF	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CE	ERTAIN SHARES*
11. PERCENT OF C	LASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
5.34%		
12. TYPE OF REPO	RTING PERSON*	

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

CUSIP No.502 424 104 13G Page 3 of 6 Pages Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 600 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10016 Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: Robert V. LaPenta Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence: 600 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10016 Item 2(c). Citizenship: United States Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share Item 2(e). CUSIP Number: 502 424 104 Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a: [_] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act. [_] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act. (b) [_] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange (C) Act.

[_] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment

(e) [_] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

(f) [_] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with

Company Act.

Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);

(g)	[_]	A parent holding company or control person in accordance
		with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

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- (h) $[_]$ A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) [_] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) [_] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

5,268,840 shares

(b) Percent of class:

5.34%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 5,268,840
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote $$\sf 0$$
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 4,968,840
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 300,000
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.
 Not applicable.
- Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Effective as of February 5, 2003, Mr. LaPenta entered into an additional variable prepaid forward agreement with respect to 300,000 shares, which is scheduled to expire on May 5, 2004.

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, ${\tt I}$ certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

By: /s/ Robert V. LaPenta

Robert V. LaPenta

Dated: February 17, 2004