

McNellis John  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 McNellis John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC [LLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, 600 THIRD AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SEE REMARKS

(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10016

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A	5,963 (1) A \$ 0	25,288 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A	3,807 (3) A \$ 0	29,095 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		F	1,007 (4) D \$ 0	28,088 (2)	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
02/22/12 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 70.43	02/22/2012		A	37,201	(5) 02/22/2022	Common Stock 37,201

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McNellis John C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 600 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10016			SEE REMARKS	

## Signatures

/s/ Allen E. Danzig as Attorney-in-Fact 02/24/2012

\*\*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) Grant of restricted stock units which vest on the three-year anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Reflects additional shares acquired through the Company's Master Savings (401(k)) Plan.
- (3) Represents additional shares acquired through the vesting of performance units settled in common stock.
- (4) Represents the number of common shares surrendered to pay applicable tax withholding upon vesting of the performance units.
- (5) This option vests annually in equal one-third increments beginning on the one-year anniversary of the grant date.

**Remarks:**

Senior Vice President and President of Integrated Systems Group

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