### CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

Stock

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(Print or Type	Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Huang Charlie X.  (Last) (First) (Middle)			Symbol	NCE E		I Ticker or T			5. Relationship of Issuer (Chec	f Reporting Pe		
(Last)	(First) (l	Middle)				ransaction			Director		% Owner	
2655 SEEL	LY AVENUE, BL	DG 5	(Month/I 12/15/2	-	ır)				Officer (give below)	below) Vice President	her (specify	
	(Street)		4. If Amo			ate Original			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by M	One Reporting I	Person	
SAN JOSE	L, CA 95134								Person	viole than one i	ceporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - No	on-I	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	rity (Month/Day/Year) Execution			Date, if Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/15/2008			Code P	V	Amount 3,000	(D)	Price \$ 2.64	(Instr. 3 and 4) 43,000	D		
Common Stock	12/15/2008			P		11,000	A	\$ 2.69	11,420	I	As Custodian for Minor Children	
Common	12/15/2008			P		4,000	A	\$	4,661	I	Held by reporting	

P

2.64

244,488

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A

person's spouse.

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\$ Common 100,000 Held by (1) Stock 2.69 Trust

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)	Execution Date, if		5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D	ate	7. Tit	int of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	(Year)		rlying	Security	Secui
	(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Secur		(Instr. 5)	Bene
		Derivative				Securities			(Instr	. 3 and 4)		Own
		Security				Acquired						Follo
						(A) or						Repo
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						of (D)						(Instr
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						4, and 5)						
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							Date	Expiration		or		
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						Lacroisdoic	2		of			
					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Huang Charlie X.

2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG 5 Sr. Vice President

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

## **Signatures**

James J. Cowie, Attorney-in-Fact for Charlie X.

Huang 12/16/2008

> \*\*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).

Weighted average purchase price for all transations with the range between \$2.65 and \$2.75. The reporting person will provide to the (1) Commission, the issuer and any stockholder, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate

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