

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Bene Stephen G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP 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

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 64.92	03/01/2005	A	25,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2015	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 64.92	03/01/2005	A	25,000	<u>(2)</u>	03/01/2015	Common Stock	25,000

### 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, CA 94065			Sr. VP and General Counsel	

### Signatures

Stephanie Kuo attorney in fact for Stephen G Bene	03/02/2005
<u>        </u> **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) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 24%, 12 months from vest date; then vests as to an additional 2% each month thereafter for 38 months
  - (2) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25%, 24 months from grant date; then vests as to an additional 25%, 36 months from grant date; and then vests as to the remaining 50%, 48 months from grant date.

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