LINZNER JOEL
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LINZNER JOEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP Business & Legal Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 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	(A) or (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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	$ 64.92	03/01/2005	A		40,000		(1)	03/01/2015	Common Stock	40,(
Non-Qualified Stock Option	$ 64.92	03/01/2005	A		60,000		(2)	03/01/2015	Common Stock	60,(

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINZNER JOEL 209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065			SVP Business & Legal Affairs	

Signatures

Stephanie Kuo attorney in fact for Joel Linzner	03/02/2005
**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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