Mendenhall Paula V Form 4 January 05, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mendenhall Paula V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005

10% Owner Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) Sr. VP of Operations

10240 BUBB RD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

5. Number of 4. **Transaction**Derivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(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
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.12	01/03/2005		A	96,153	01/03/2006(1)	01/03/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.12	01/03/2005		A	3,847	01/03/2006(1)	01/03/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Mendenhall Paula V 10240 BUBB RD CUPERTINO, CA 95014

Sr. VP of Operations

Signatures

Paula V.

Mendenhall 01/05/2005

**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) NQ/ISO Grants Dated January 3, 2005 combined will vest as follows: 1/3 of the underlying securities will vest on each 12-month anniversary of the Grant Date.

Remarks:

The acquisition of stock option was originally filed on a form 3 in error and is correctly filed on this form 4.

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