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to buy)

to buy)

(right to buy)

Incentive Stock Option (right \$4.1401

Non-Qualified Stock Option \$4.1401

Form 4

April 28, 2003

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
   Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
  McCarty, David E.
  1600 Faraday Avenue
  Carlsbad, CA 92008
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
  Invitrogen Corporation (IVGN)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
  4/24/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
  [X] Director [ ] 10% Owner
  [ ] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below)
  Board Director
7. 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
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                                       2) Trans- 3.Trans- 4.Securities Acquired(A) action or Disposed of (D)
1) Title of Security
                                       Date
                                                Code
                                       (Month/
                                      Day/Year) Code V Amount D Price
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Common Stock
Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1
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                          2) Conversion 3) Trans- 4) Trans- 5) Number of Derivative or Exercise action action Securities Acquired (A) Price of Date Code or Disposed of (D) Derivative
1) Title of Derivative
Security
                                                    Code V A
                          Security
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Incentive Stock Option (right $28.1250
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Non-Qualified Stock (right to buy)	Option	\$28.1250			
Non-Qualified Stock	Option	\$30.0800	04/24/03	A	10,000
(right to buy)					
Non-Qualified Stock	Option	\$35.1200			
(right to buy)					
Non-Qualified Stock	Option	\$57.8750			
(right to buy)					
Non-Qualified Stock	Option	\$66.6200			
(right to buy)					

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1)Title of Derivative Security	3)Trans- action Date	4 9	Amount or Number of Shares	8)Price of Deri- vative Security
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	1,053	
Incentive Stock Option (right		Common Stock	6,586	
to buy) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	3,671	
Non-Qualified Stock Option		Common Stock	20,948	
(right to buy)		_		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	04/24/03	Common Stock	10,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	10,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option		Common Stock	10,000	
<pre>(right to buy) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</pre>		Common Stock	10,000	

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /S/ By: John A. Cottingham For: David E. McCarty DATE 04/25/03