

CROFT JAMES AD  
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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 \*  
CROFT JAMES AD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORP [SXT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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			
Common Stock	12/23/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000 (1) A \$ 18.0625 (1)	20,654.859 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2009		S	2,000 D \$ 26.09	18,654.859 (2)	D	
Common Stock					1,500	I	Spouse

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.0625	12/23/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000 <sub>(1)</sub>	02/01/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/01/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.7					05/01/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/01/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.19					05/01/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/01/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.66					05/01/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/01/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.46					05/03/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/03/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.07					05/02/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/02/2015	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.25					05/01/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/01/2016	Common Stock	2,000
	\$ 26.12					05/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/01/2017		2,000

Stock Options (Right to Buy)						Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.07		05/01/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/01/2018		Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROFT JAMES AD 777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202		X		

## Signatures

John L. Hammond, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Croft	12/23/2009
<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) Exercise of in-the-money employee stock option that would otherwise expire on 2/1/2010, exempt from Section 16(b) by virtue of Rule 16b-6(b) and Rule 16b-3(d) and (e).
- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock held under Issuer's 2002 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan and shares held in a dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) Original option grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column.

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