

KOVACEVICH RICHARD M
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FORM 4

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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 *
 KOVACEVICH RICHARD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 170 WEST TASMAN DRIVE
 (Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CISCO SYSTEMS INC [CSCO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/19/2005

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 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 Acquired (A) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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| | Derivative Security | | | or Disposed of | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|---------------------|------------|---|--------------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (A) | | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.15 | 01/19/2005 | A | 30,000 | (1) | 01/19/2014 | Common Stock | 30,000 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.15 | 01/19/2005 | A | 20,000 | (1) | 01/19/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KOVACEVICH RICHARD M 170 WEST TASMAN DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | X | |

Signatures

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Richard M. Kovacevich | 01/19/2005 |
| **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).

The option is immediately exercisable for all of the option shares. However, any shares purchased under the option will be subject to repurchase by the Issuer, at the exercise price paid per share, upon the Reporting Person's cessation of service as a member of the Issuer's

(1) Board of Directors prior to vesting in those shares. The shares subject to the option will vest in four successive equal annual installments upon the Reporting Person's completion each year of service as a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors over the four (4)-year period measured from January 19, 2005.

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