ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.

Form 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bene Stephen G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC. [ERTS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2008

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title below) Sr. V.P. and General Counsel

209 REDWOOD SHORES **PARKWAY**

> 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

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

(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 Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amour Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securit** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	· · · ·		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 (right to buy)	\$ 16.06	12/16/2008		A		50,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/16/2018	Common Stock	50,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Bene Stephen G			Sr. V.P. and					
209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY			General					
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065			Counsel					

Signatures

By: Flora B. Lee, Attorney-in-Fact For: Stephen Gregory
Bene
12/17/2008

**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).
- Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% on December 1, 2009, then vests as to an additional 25% on December 1, 2010 and then vests as to the remaining 50% on December 1, 2011.

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