

NILSEN TERESA M  
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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 \*  
NILSEN TERESA M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HENNESSY ADVISORS INC  
[HNNA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7250 REDWOOD BLVD., SUITE 200  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/21/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP, CFO and Secretary

NOVATO, CA 94945

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/21/2011		F	143 (1) D \$ 3.5	67,254.5	D	
Common Stock					1,012	I	By Spouse's IRA
Common Stock					674	I	FBO Children

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 Acquired (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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 2.97					02/28/2002 02/28/2012	Common Stock	25,313
Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 3.55					08/06/2003 08/06/2013	Common Stock	25,313
Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 7.11					11/03/2004 11/03/2014	Common Stock	2,813

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NILSEN TERESA M 7250 REDWOOD BLVD., SUITE 200 NOVATO, CA 94945	X		EVP, CFO and Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Peter D. Fetzer,  
Attorney-in-Fact 01/24/2011

\*\*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) Represents shares withheld for payment of taxes incident to the vesting of restricted shares.

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