

NARAYANAN LAKSHMI
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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 *
NARAYANAN LAKSHMI

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP [CTSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP., 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/22/2010

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

TEANECK, NJ 07666

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Class A Common Stock | 10/22/2010 | | M | A | \$ 2.37 | 5,000 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 10/22/2010 | | S | D | \$ 68.05 | 0 | D |

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) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 2.37 | 10/22/2010 | | M | 5,000 | 03/29/2002 03/29/2011 | Class A Common Stock 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NARAYANAN LAKSHMI C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP. 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD TEANECK, NJ 07666 | X | | Vice Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven Schwartz, on behalf of Lakshmi Narayanan, by power of attorney
Date: 10/26/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Such shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan.
Such options were granted on March 29, 2001 pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) Such options vested as follows: 20% on March 29, 2002, 20% on March 29, 2003, 30% on March 29, 2004, and 30% on March 29, 2005. The date exercisable above reflects the first anniversary of such option grant.
- (3) Excludes previously granted options for an aggregate of 1,350,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, which have different exercise prices and vesting dates.

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