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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement VMWARE, INC. [VMW] Eschenbach Carl M. (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3401 HILLVIEW AVE. (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person PALO ALTO, CAÂ 94304 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Co-President, Customer Ops. Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Class A Common Stock 99,103 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	•		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/03/2016	Class A Common Stock	15,290	\$ 21.87	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	06/08/2013	Class A Common Stock	43,751	\$ 23	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	06/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	31,251	\$ 30.8	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Eschenbach Carl M. 3401 HILLVIEW AVE. PALO ALTO, CA 94304	Â	Â	Co-President, Customer Ops.	Â		

Date

Signatures

Larry Wainblat, attorney-in-fact 01/31/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) This option, representing a right to purchase 61,158 shares of Class A Common Stock, became exercisable as to 25% of the shares on May 3, 2008. Thereafter, the remaining 75% of the option vests in equal annual installments over three years.
- (2) This option, representing a right to purchase 350,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, became exercisable as to 25% of the shares on June 8, 2008. Thereafter, the remaining 75% of the option vests in equal monthly installments over three years.
- (3) This option, representing a right to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, became exercisable as to 25% of the shares on June 1, 2010. Thereafter, the remaining 75% of the option vests in equal monthly installments over three years.

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