

Sutphin Brian Joseph
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Sutphin Brian Joseph | | (Month/Day/Year) | SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC. [JAVA] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 10/02/2009 | |
| 10 NETWORK CIRCLE, M/S: UMPK10-147 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| MENLO PARK, CA 94025 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (City) | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (State) | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| (Zip) | | | EVP, Corporate Dev. & Alliance | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 100,661 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 11/07/2009 | Common Stock 3,125 | \$ 50.36 | D | Â |
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| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 03/19/2010 | Common Stock 50 | \$ 36.56 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 03/19/2010 | Common Stock 2,500 | \$ 36.56 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/25/2010 | Common Stock 750 | \$ 14.8 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 05/21/2011 | Common Stock 1,150 | \$ 16.8 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 11/13/2011 | Common Stock 3,500 | \$ 16.832 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/29/2012 | Common Stock 45,000 | \$ 15.16 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/28/2013 | Common Stock 60,000 | \$ 15.4 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/27/2014 | Common Stock 85,000 | \$ 17.04 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/31/2015 | Common Stock 100,000 | \$ 20.4 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sutphin Brian Joseph 10 NETWORK CIRCLE M/S: UMPK10-147 MENLO PARK, CA 94025 | Â | Â | Â EVP, Corporate Dev. & Alliance | Â |

Signatures

Brian J. Sutphin 10/13/2009
 __Signature of Date
 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 includes 66,130 shares of unvested restricted stock units.

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(2) This option vests and becomes exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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