

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**PORTER WILLIAM**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC [CDNS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG. 5**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/17/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**SAN JOSE, CA 95134**

(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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	01/17/2006		M		\$ 10,000	A	193,670	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		\$ 17.17	D	191,953	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		\$ 17.16	D	190,328	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		\$ 17.15	D	183,670	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.105	01/17/2006		M	10,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 01/29/2013	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PORTER WILLIAM 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG. 5 SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

R.L. Smith McKeithen, Attorney-in-Fact for William Porter 01/17/2006

\_\_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) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by reporting person on November 30, 2005.

(2) The option was granted on January 29, 2003 and vests at a rate of 1/48th per month thereafter.

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