

AVID TECHNOLOGY INC
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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 *
 Sharp Graham

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 296 HIGH STREET EAST WING
 (Street)

NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AVID TECHNOLOGY INC [AVID]

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

12/18/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

VP & General Manager, Video

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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.13	12/18/2007	D ⁽¹⁾		10,000		<u>(1)</u>	03/06/2012	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.13	12/18/2007	A ⁽¹⁾	10,000			<u>(1)</u>	03/06/2002	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.01	12/18/2007	D ⁽²⁾		10,000		<u>(2)</u>	01/10/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.01	12/18/2007	A ⁽²⁾	10,000			<u>(2)</u>	01/10/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.91	12/18/2007	D ⁽³⁾		8,000		<u>(3)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.91	12/18/2007	A ⁽³⁾	8,000			<u>(3)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 65.81	12/18/2007	D ⁽⁴⁾		7,000		<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	7,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 65.81	12/18/2007	A ⁽⁴⁾	7,000			<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2015	Common Stock	7,000

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.95	12/18/2007	D ⁽⁵⁾	3,000	(5)	09/02/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.95	12/18/2007	A ⁽⁵⁾	3,000	(5)	09/02/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.75	12/18/2007	D ⁽⁶⁾	60,000	(6)	10/13/2016	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.75	12/18/2007	A ⁽⁶⁾	60,000	(6)	10/13/2016	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	12/18/2007	D ⁽⁷⁾	24,322	(7)	02/23/2017	Common Stock	24,322
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.86	12/18/2007	A ⁽⁷⁾	24,322	(7)	02/23/2017	Common Stock	24,322

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sharp Graham 296 HIGH STREET EAST WING NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950			VP & General Manager, Video	

Signatures

/s/ John S. LaMountain as Power of Attorney for Graham Sharp 12/20/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on March 6, 2002 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

(2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on January 10, 2003 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

(3) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on February 10, 2004 and provided for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant.

(4) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on February 17, 2005 and provided for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant. On October 26, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors approved a partial acceleration of the vesting of this option so that this option became exercisable as to an additional number of shares equal to the number that would have been exercisable as of December 31, 2007.

(5) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on September 2, 2005 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

(6) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on October 13, 2006 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

(7) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on February 23, 2007 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

Remarks:

All of the items reported on this form involve the amendment of outstanding options as a result of the Reporting Person entering

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