

Bowden Adam Bruce
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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 *
 Bowden Adam Bruce

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Nuance Communications, Inc.
 [NUAN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE WAYSIDE ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP Corporate Strateg

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

(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
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,000 D | \$ 22.7 | 150,513 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2012 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 33,750 A | \$ 0.001 | 184,263 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2012 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 20,000 A | \$ 0.001 | 204,263 | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bowden Adam Bruce ONE WAYSIDE ROAD BURLINGTON, MA 01803 | | | Executive VP Corporate Strateg | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Donna Belanger For: Adam B Bowden
Date: 05/17/2012

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) These shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Sales Plan.
These shares were issued pursuant to a restricted stock unit agreement. 13,750 shares will vest upon achievement of FY2012 performance targets, 5,000 shares will vest upon achievement of FY2013 performance targets and 15,000 shares will vest upon achievement of FY2014 performance targets. If targets are not met the shares will be forfeited.
- (3) These shares were issued pursuant to a restricted stock unit agreement. 5,000 shares will vest on September 30, 2013 and 15,000 shares will vest on t on September 30, 2014.

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