

AVOCENT CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MACSWEENEY KIERAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE  
(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2008

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)  
Senior VP, Managing Dir. Inter

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A		5,100 (7) \$ 0 26,352 (6)	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)**

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 12					04/23/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/23/2009	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.94					05/02/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/02/2010	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.44					09/18/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/18/2010	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 22.36					05/25/2001 <sup>(4)</sup> 05/25/2011	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 03/07/2013	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/05/2014	Common Stock
Option (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 08/19/2014	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 06/30/2015	Common Stock
Performance-share Award with Market Conditions	\$ 0 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/19/2008		A	8,287	02/19/2008 <sup>(8)</sup> 02/19/2018	Common Stock

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MACSWEENEY KIERAN 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805			Senior VP, Managing Dir. Inter	

**Signatures**

Richard K. Hempstead as Attorney-in-Fact- for Kieran MacSweeney  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/21/2008  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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) Grant date, 25% vests immediately and then vest in three equal annual installments.
- (2) Grant date, 50% vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date and 25% on each grant date anniversary for the following two years.
- (3) Grant date, 15% vests every 6 months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests every three months for the following 24 months and 5% vests every three months over the remaining 12 months.
- (4) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and 7.5% vests every three months over the remaining 10 quarters. The vesting of all unvested options will accelerate and become 100% vested on December 25, 2005 if the reporting person is an employee on that date.
- (5) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.

- Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006: 3,741 shares vest on
- (6) January 1, 2009. This also includes time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007: 2,509 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and 2,509 shares vest on January 1, 2010.
  - (7) These are time-based restricted shares granted on February 19, 2008. These shares vest equally over three years, one-third on January 1, 2009, one-third on January 1, 2010, and one-third on January 1, 2011.
  - (8) Grant date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a three year period beginning January 1, 2008.

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