

SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.  
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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 \*  
**PAPADOPOULOS GREGORY M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.  
 [JAVA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**4150 NETWORK CIRCLE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/27/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP, R&D & CTO**

**SANTA CLARA, CA 95054**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/27/2008		A <sup>(2)</sup>		46,875	A	\$ 0.0007
Common Stock	07/27/2008		F <sup>(3)</sup>		5,586	D	\$ 10.43
Common Stock	07/28/2008		F <sup>(3)</sup>		737	D	\$ 9.94
							95,622 <sup>(4)</sup>

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. Fair Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.1252					<u>(1)</u>	04/20/2009	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 160					<u>(1)</u>	04/12/2010	Common Stock	12,919
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 74.32					<u>(1)</u>	04/18/2011	Common Stock	27,921
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.36					<u>(1)</u>	11/07/2011	Common Stock	9,802
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.36					<u>(1)</u>	11/07/2011	Common Stock	11,196
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.56					<u>(1)</u>	03/19/2010	Common Stock	31

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.8	(1)	05/02/2012	Common Stock	31,743
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.8	(1)	07/25/2012	Common Stock	49,428
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.4	(1)	07/23/2013	Common Stock	99,788
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.16	(1)	07/29/2014	Common Stock	100,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.4	(1)	07/28/2015	Common Stock	75,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.04	(1)	07/27/2016	Common Stock	125,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.4	(1)	07/31/2017	Common Stock	112,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAPADOPOULOS GREGORY M 4150 NETWORK CIRCLE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			EVP, R&D & CTO	

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory M.  
Papadopoulos

07/29/2008

\_\_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) This option vests and becomes exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.  
This includes performance-based restricted stock units in which the award criteria was satisfied in 2007. Upon satisfaction of the award criteria, 25% of the underlying shares vested immediately and 25% of the underlying shares shall vest on each anniversary of the date of grant thereafter. The reporting person's Form 4 filed in connection with the initial vesting of this performance-based restricted stock unit award did not include the report of the unvested portion, which is now being reported.
- (2) This represents the surrender of shares to the issuer upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock units to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (3) This includes 2,063 shares of unvested restricted stock and 31,250 shares of unvested restricted stock units.

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