

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)  
**10/16/2006**

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

**SAN JOSE, CA 95134**

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		M		50,000	A	\$ 10.105	315,187	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		2,300	D	\$ 17.71	312,887	D
Comon Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		5,000	D	\$ 17.7	307,887	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		4,800	D	\$ 17.7053	303,087	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		2,400	D	\$ 17.6948	300,687	D

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Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	5,500	D	\$ 17.7012	295,187	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	3,600	D	\$ 17.7305	291,587	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	6,400	D	\$ 17.7398	285,187	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	6,000	D	\$ 17.7713	279,187	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	4,000	D	\$ 17.7283	275,187	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	5,000	D	\$ 17.7656	270,187	D
Common Stock	10/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	S	5,000	D	\$ 17.822	265,187	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)
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.105	10/16/2006		M	50,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 01/29/2013	Common Stock 50,000

## Reporting Owners

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

## Signatures

William Porter

10/16/2006

\_\_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 transaction reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by reporting person on November 30, 2005.
- (2) Option was granted on January 29, 2003 and vests at the rate of 1/48th per month commencing on the date of the grant.

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