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FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **SOARES DAVID** Issuer Symbol NETGEAR, INC [NTGR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify NETGEAR, INC., 350 E. 04/26/2012 below) below) PLUMERIA DR. SVP and GM, RBU (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN JOSE, CA 95134 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) V Amount (D) Price Common 04/26/2012 F 624 D 18,577 D 11.41 Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.23 | | | | | (3) | 01/12/2017 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.79 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 01/11/2018 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.41 | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 01/16/2019 | Common Stock | 3,751 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | (2) | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.1 | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 02/02/2020 | Common Stock | 14,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.8 | | | | | <u>(8)</u> | 06/13/2020 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 35.32 | | | | | <u>(9)</u> | 02/03/2021 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| | \$ 33.15 | | | | | (10) | 04/26/2021 | | 3,400 |

8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst Employee Common Stock Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOARES DAVID NETGEAR, INC. 350 E. PLUMERIA DR. SAN JOSE, CA 95134

SVP and GM, RBU

Signatures

(Right to Buy)

/s/ Andrew W. Kim, Attorney in Fact

04/30/2012

**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) Converts to common stock on a one for one basis.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 1/12/2008, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (4) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 1/11/2009, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (5) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 1/16/2010, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- Stock units will be paid in an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting of the units. 25% of the units will cliff vest on each anniversary of 1/16/2009, the vesting start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 1/16/2013.
- (7) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 2/2/2011, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (8) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest on 6/13/2011, and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall vest each month thereafter, subject to the optionee continuing to be a service provider on such dates.
- (9) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 2/3/2012, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (10) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 4/26/2012, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.

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