SOARES DAVID Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SOARES DAVID			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NETGEAR, INC [NTGR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
NETGEAR, INC., 350 E. PLUMERIA DR.		` '	(Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2012	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP and GM, RBU			
(Street) SAN JOSE, CA 95134			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 Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Derivative Securities Acc	vuired Disposed of ar Repositionally Owner			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/16/2012		M	417	A	\$ 11.41	18,994	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2012		S	417	D	\$ 34.78	18,577	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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)	n of Deri Secu Acq (A) Disp of (I	ivative urities uired or posed D) tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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	05/16/2012		M <u>(11)</u>		417	<u>(5)</u>	01/16/2019	Common Stock	417
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	\$ 35.32						<u>(9)</u>	02/03/2021	Common Stock	20,000

Buy)

Employee Stock

Option \$ 33.15

(Right to Buy)

(10) 04/26/2021 Common Stock 3,400

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

/s/ Andrew W. Kim, Attorney in Fact

05/18/2012

**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.
- (11) The exercises and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 30, 2011.

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