

NARAYANAN LAKSHMI
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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 *
 NARAYANAN LAKSHMI

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP [CTSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice Chairman

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP., 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/01/2010

(Street)
 TEANECK, NJ 07666

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Disposed of (A) or (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	10/01/2010		M	A	\$ 2.37	17,500	D
Class A Common Stock	10/01/2010		S	D	\$ 66.62	0	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Class A Common Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 2.37	10/01/2010		M	17,500	03/29/2002	03/29/2011	Class A Common Stock	17,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NARAYANAN LAKSHMI C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP. 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD TEANECK, NJ 07666	X		Vice Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Steven Schwartz, on behalf of Lakshmi Narayanan, by power of attorney

10/05/2010

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Such shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan.

Such options were granted on March 29, 2001 pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan.

(2) Such options vested as follows: 20% on March 29, 2002, 20% on March 29, 2003, 30% on March 29, 2004, and 30% on March 29, 2005. The date exercisable above reflects the first anniversary of such option grant.

(3) Excludes previously granted options for an aggregate of 1,350,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, which have different exercise prices and vesting dates.

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