

ADAPTEC 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 \*  
**HOWARD JACK L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O STEEL PARTNERS II  
L.P., 590 MADISON AVENUE,  
32ND FLOOR**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10022**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ADAPTEC INC [ADPT]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**10/23/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
See Footnote No. 2

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 (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, \$.001 Par Value	10/23/2008		A		6,250 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0.001
					6,250	D <u>(2)</u>	

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.84	10/23/2008		A	12,500	01/23/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/23/2018	Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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NEW YORK, NY 10022

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See Footnote No. 2

## Signatures

/s/ Howard, Jack  
L. 10/27/2008

\_\_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) Represents a Restricted Stock Award from the Issuer's 2006 Director Plan for 6,250 shares of the Issuer's common stock that will be fully vested on the earlier of October 23, 2009 or the date of the Issuer's 2009 annual meeting.
- (2) The Reporting Person is also a member of a Section 13(d) group that owns more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding common stock.
- (3) A total of 12,500 Non-Qualified Stock Options were granted on October 23, 2008 from the Issuer's 2006 Director Plan. The option shall vest in four equal quarterly installments with the first vesting being January 23, 2009, such that the option is fully vested on the earlier of October 23, 2009 or the date of the Issuer's 2009 annual meeting.

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