

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC

Form 4

March 02, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bene Stephen G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS
INC., 209 REDWOOD SHORES
PARKWAY

(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ELECTRONIC ARTS INC [ERTS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below)

SVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/28/2006		S		332	D	\$ 52.7
					0	(1)	

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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 52.03	03/01/2006		A	31,500	(2) 03/01/2016	Common Stock	31,500
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	03/01/2006		A	4,500	(4) 03/02/2009	Common Stock	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Bene Stephen G C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC. 209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065	SVP and General Counsel

Signatures

Stephanie Kuo attorney in fact for Stephen G Bene
03/02/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Disposed of 332 shares acquired under the Electronic Arts Stock Purchase Plan on 02/28/2006
- (2) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 24%, 12 months from vest date; then vests as to an additional 2% each month thereafter for 38 months
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Electronic Arts common stock.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units vest as to 25%, 12 months from grant date; then vest as to an additional 25%, 24 months from grant date; and then vest as to the remaining 50%, 36 months from grant date.

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