

SOARES DAVID  
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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 \*  
SOARES DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NETGEAR, INC., 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY

(Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NETGEAR, INC [NTGR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2006

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)  
Senior VP, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,030   | D  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(11)</sup>    | 10/27/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 15,000  | A  | \$ 4.51   |
| Common Stock <sup>(11)</sup>    | 10/27/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 15,000  | D  | \$ 26.89  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 0   |  |   |

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 15.35   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/11/2015  | Common Stock | 35,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(11)</sup> | \$ 4.51  | 10/27/2006                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | <u>(2)</u>   | 04/05/2010  | Common Stock | 15,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 8.57  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>   | 10/24/2010  | Common Stock | 14,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 11  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | 07/11/2013  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 14.79   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u>   | 02/26/2014  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 9.26  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u>   | 07/23/2014  | Common Stock | 30,000                     |
| Employee Stock                                       | \$ 22.68   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(7)</u>   | 05/23/2016  | Common Stock | 10,000                     |

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

Restricted  
Stock Units

(8)

(9)

(10)

Common  
Stock 4,000

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| SOARES DAVID<br>NETGEAR, INC.<br>4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY<br>SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 |               |           | Senior VP, Worldwide Sales |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David Soares 10/27/2006

\*\*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) 100% of this option grant is exercisable on 3/11/05, the grant date. Shares underlying the option are restricted from transfer, with the restriction lapsing with respect to 25% of the shares on each subsequent anniversary of the grant date, so that all underlying shares will be free from transfer restrictions on 3/11/09.
  - (2) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 04/05/01, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (3) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 10/24/2001, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (4) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 7/11/2004, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (5) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 02/26/2005, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (6) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 07/23/2005, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (7) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 05/23/2007, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (8) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
  - (9) 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 5/23/06, the vest start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 5/23/10.
  - (10) Not applicable.
  - (11) This transaction is made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Plan that was adopted in May 2006.

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