

Bene Stephen G  
Form 3  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Bene Stephen G  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
10/11/2004

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

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Sr. V.P. and General Counsel

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

(Street)

REDWOOD  
CITY,Â CAÂ 94065

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Date Expiration  
Exercisable Date

Title Amount or  
Number of

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|                            |       |            |              | Shares |           | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Non-qualified stock option | Â (1) | 10/05/2011 | Common Stock | 9,000  | \$ 23.27  | D                                | Â |
| Non-qualified stock option | Â (1) | 09/08/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000  | \$ 24.75  | D                                | Â |
| Non-qualified stock option | Â (2) | 10/07/2012 | Common Stock | 30,000 | \$ 31.315 | D                                | Â |
| Non-qualified stock option | Â (2) | 06/20/2013 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 37.46  | D                                | Â |
| Non-qualified stock option | Â (2) | 10/05/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 45.33  | D                                | Â |
| Non-qualified stock option | Â (2) | 10/24/2013 | Common Stock | 24,000 | \$ 48.785 | D                                | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| Bene Stephen G<br>C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.<br>209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY<br>REDWOOD CITY,Â CAÂ 94065 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr. V.P.<br>and General<br>Counsel | Â     |

## Signatures

Flora B. Lee as Attorney in fact for Stephen G Bene 10/15/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Options becomes exercisable on a monthly basis over a period of 50 months.

(2) Options granted will first vest and become exercisable as to 24%, 12 months from Date of Grant and will then vest 2% on the first calendar day of each month thereafter for 38 months.

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