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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)		8. H Dei Sec (Ini
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.31	09/22/2009		М	5,800	(5)	01/03/2016	Common Stock	5,800	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.24	09/22/2009		М	1,700	<u>(6)</u>	01/16/2017	Common Stock	1,700	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Miles Patrick 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			EVP, Marketing and Development			
Signatures						
/s/ Jason Hannon, Attorney-in-fact	(09/24/2009				
<u>**</u> 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) Shares withheld at the election of the Reporting Person to satisfy payment of the option exercise price in connection with an exercise of a stock option granted in January 2006.
- (2) The shares sold were acquired upon the net exercise of a stock option.
- (3) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on May 19, 2009.
- (4) Shares withheld at the election of the Reporting Person to satisfy payment of the option exercise price in connection with an exercise of a stock option granted in January 2007.
- (5) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 3, 2007 which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (6) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 16, 2008 which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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