

Vedda James M.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Vedda James M.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.
[AVID]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
340 BEACON STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/04/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP of Worldwide Sales

BOSTON, MA 02116
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 | 02/04/2011 | | A | | 8,750 (1) | A | \$ 0 8,750 D |

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Performance Rights (Restricted Stock Units) | (2) | 02/04/2011 | | A | | 8,750 | | (2) | 03/31/2022 | Common Stock | 8,750 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.08 | 02/04/2011 | | A | | 75,000 | | (3) | 02/04/2018 | Common Stock | 75,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|---|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Vedda James M. 340 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MA 02116 | SVP of Worldwide Sales |

Signatures

/s/ John S. LaMountain as Attorney-in-Fact for James M. Vedda 02/08/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents restricted stock unit award that will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
(1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AVID common stock. This award includes a provision for the withholding of shares to pay the withholding taxes due on each vesting date.

Represents restricted stock unit award that will vest on a performance-based schedule tied to AVID's stock price or the achievement of certain financial metrics. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AVID common stock. This award includes a provision for the withholding of shares to pay the withholding taxes due on each vesting date.
(2)

47,500 shares will vest on a performance-based schedule tied to AVID's stock price or the achievement of certain financial metrics; and
(3) 27,500 shares will vest on a time-based schedule as follows: 25% of the shares will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 75% of the shares will vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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