#### NILSEN TERESA M

Form 4

December 08, 2010

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NILSEN TERESA M		ng Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HENNESSY ADVISORS INC [HNNA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 7250 REDWO 200	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2010	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, CFO and Secretary		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NOVATO, C	A 94945			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and or Amount (D)	)	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)
Common Stock	12/06/2010		F	252 (1) D	\$ 2.7	67,397.5	D	
Common Stock						1,012	I	By Spouse's IRA
Common Stock						674	I	FBO Children

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)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 1 5 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 2.97					02/28/2002	02/28/2012	Common Stock	25,313	
Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 3.55					08/06/2003	08/06/2013	Common Stock	25,313	
Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 7.11					11/03/2004	11/03/2004	Common Stock	2,813	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NILSEN TERESA M 7250 REDWOOD BLVD., SUITE 200 NOVATO, CA 94945	X		EVP, CFO and Secretary				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Peter D. Fetzer,	12/09/2010
Attorney-in-Fact	12/08/2010
**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) Represents shares withheld for payment of taxes incident to the vesting of restricted shares.

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