

Bene Stephen G
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)

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

(Street)

REDWOOD
CITY,Â CAÂ 94065

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (I) (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 C/O ELECTRONIC ARTS INC. 209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY REDWOOD CITY,Â CAÂ 94065	Â	Â	Â Sr. V.P. and General 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).

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(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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