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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 \*  
Zolfaghari Paul N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MICROSTRATEGY  
INCORPORATED, 1861  
INTERNATIONAL DRIVE

(Street)

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MICROSTRATEGY INC [MSTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/01/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,200   | A   | \$ 4.7   | 1,366   | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/01/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,300   | A   | \$ 20.69   | 2,666   | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/01/2009                           |  | S                              | 100   | D   | \$ 89.51   | 2,566 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/01/2009                           |  | S                              | 1,300   | D   | \$   | 1,266   | D |

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|                      |            |   |       |   |           |        |  |   |
|----------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------|--------|--|---|
| Common Stock         |            |   |       |   |           | 89.512 |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2009 | S | 100   | D | \$ 89.52  | 1,166  |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2009 | S | 400   | D | \$ 89.53  | 766    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2009 | S | 100   | D | \$ 89.56  | 666    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2009 | S | 100   | D | \$ 89.59  | 566    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2009 | S | 300   | D | \$ 89.6   | 266    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2009 | S | 100   | D | \$ 89.61  | 166    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | M | 1,050 | A | \$ 4.7    | 1,216  |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | M | 1,450 | A | \$ 20.69  | 2,666  |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 1,359 | D | \$ 89.802 | 1,307  |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 476   | D | \$ 89.81  | 831    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 24    | D | \$ 89.82  | 807    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 20    | D | \$ 89.86  | 787    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 2     | D | \$ 89.91  | 785    |  | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 2     | D | \$ 89.92  | 783    |  | D |

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|                            |            |   |     |   |          |     |   |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|-----|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 400 | D | \$ 89.99 | 383 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 12/02/2009 | S | 217 | D | \$ 90.01 | 166 | 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)

| 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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 4.7   | 12/01/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,200  | <sup>(2)</sup> 07/26/2012                                | Class A Common Stock  | 1,200                         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 20.69   | 12/01/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,300  | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/08/2013                                | Class A Common Stock  | 1,300                         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 4.7   | 12/02/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,050  | <sup>(4)</sup> 07/26/2012                                | Class A Common Stock  | 1,050                         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 20.69   | 12/02/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,450  | <sup>(5)</sup> 02/08/2013                                | Class A Common Stock  | 1,450                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| Zolfaghari Paul N<br>C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED<br>1861 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE<br>MCLEAN, VA 22102 |               |           | EVP, Worldwide Sales & Ops |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Paul N.  
Zolfaghari

12/03/2009

\*\*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).
- Separate open market sale transactions that were executed on the same day at the same price have been reported on an aggregate basis on
- (1) a single line in Table I. The order in which sale transactions are set forth in Table I is not necessarily reflective of the sequence in which the sale transactions occurred in fact.
  - (2) The 1,200 shares exercised on 12/01/2009 pursuant to this stock option vested on 07/26/2006. The remaining 1,050 shares subject to the stock option vested on 07/26/2006.
  - (3) Of the 1,300 shares exercised on 12/01/2009 pursuant to this stock option, 750 vested on 02/08/2007 and 550 vested on 02/08/2008. The remaining 1,450 shares subject to the stock option vested on 02/08/2008.
  - (4) The 1,050 shares exercised on 12/02/2009 pursuant to this stock option vested on 07/26/2006.
  - (5) The 1,450 shares exercised on 12/02/2009 pursuant to this stock option vested on 02/08/2008.
  - (6) See Exhibit A.

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