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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>\*</u> HAMILTON JAMES A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

3COM CORP [COMS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_ X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify

350 CAMPUS DRIVE

11/02/2005

below)
SVP & Pres, TippingPoint Div

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

below)

MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)
tle of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities
TransactionAcquired (A) or
Code Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Constitution of 5. Amount of 6. Constitution of 6. Con

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported
Transaction(s)
(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price (Instr

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and An Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Sec Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.97	11/02/2005		A		1,000,000		<u>(1)</u>	11/02/2012	Common Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HAMILTON JAMES A 350 CAMPUS DRIVE MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064

SVP & Pres, TippingPoint Div

## **Signatures**

James A.

Hamilton 11/04/2005

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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 granted become exercisable in equal installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.

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