

NETGEAR INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SOARES DAVID**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**NETGEAR, INC., 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY**

(Street)

**SANTA CLARA, CA 95054**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NETGEAR INC [NTGR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/17/2006**

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)  
**Senior VP, Worldwide Sales**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					7,997	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		M	10,000 A \$ 4.51	10,000	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		D	10,000 D \$ 23.34	0	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 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.35					<u>(1)</u>	03/11/2015	Common Stock	35,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.51	05/17/2006		M	10,000	<u>(2)</u>	04/05/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.57					<u>(3)</u>	10/24/2010	Common Stock	14,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11					<u>(4)</u>	07/11/2013	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.79					<u>(5)</u>	02/26/2014	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.26					<u>(6)</u>	07/23/2014	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOARES DAVID NETGEAR, INC. 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Senior VP, Worldwide Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ David Soares                      05/17/2006

\_\_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).
  - (1) 100% of this option grant is exercisable on 3/11/05, the grant date. Shares underlying the option are restricted from transfer, with the restriction lapsing with respect to 25% of the shares on each subsequent anniversary of the grant date, so that all underlying shares will be free from transfer restrictions on 3/11/09.
  - (2) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 04/05/01, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (3) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 10/24/2001, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (4) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 7/11/2004, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (5) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 02/26/2005, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (6) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 07/23/2005, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.

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