

CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 SMARANDOIU GEORGE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC [CATS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC., 2975 STENDER WAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/10/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Engineering

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	10/10/2008	10/10/2008	D	27,488	D	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)**

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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 Number Shares
Right to buy (Common Stock)	\$ 2.29	10/10/2008	10/10/2008	D		106,000		<u>(2)</u>	10/15/2012	Common Stock	106,000
Right to buy (Common Stock)	\$ 3.35	10/10/2008	10/10/2008	D		40,000		<u>(3)</u>	03/16/2017	Common Stock	40,000
Right to buy (Common Stock)	\$ 4.27	10/10/2008	10/10/2008	D		60,000		<u>(4)</u>	04/01/2015	Common Stock	60,000
Right to buy (Common Stock)	\$ 4.21	10/10/2008	10/10/2008	D		60,000		<u>(5)</u>	08/09/2017	Common Stock	60,000
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0.001 <u>(6)</u>	10/10/2008	10/10/2008	D		23,345		<u>(7)</u>	11/28/2009	Common Stock	23,345
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0.001 <u>(6)</u>	10/10/2008	10/10/2008	D		36,000		<u>(8)</u>	11/28/2009	Common Stock	36,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMARANDOIU GEORGE C/O CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC. 2975 STENDER WAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			VP, Engineering	

## Signatures

/s/ David P. Eichler, Atty-in-Fact George Smarandoiu

10/14/2008

        \*\*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) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement between the issuer, ON Semiconductor Corporation (?ON?) and Centaur Acquisition Corporation in exchange for 19,406 shares of ON Common Stock have a market value of \$4.36 per share on the effective date of the merger, and \$2.31 representing fractional shares as provided in the merger agreement.
  - (2) This option provided for vesting over 4 years. Upon effectiveness of the merger, this option was exchanged from an option to purchase 74,836 shares of ON Common Stock with an exercise price of \$3.24 per share.
  - (3) This option provided for vesting over 4 years. Upon effectiveness of the merger, this option was exchanged from an option to purchase 28,240 shares of ON Common Stock with an exercise price of \$4.75 per share.
  - (4) This option provided for vesting over 4 years. Upon effectiveness of the merger, this option was exchanged from an option to purchase 42,360 shares of ON Common Stock with an exercise price of \$6.05 per share.
  - (5) This option provided for vesting over 4 years. Upon effectiveness of the merger, this option was exchanged from an option to purchase 42,360 shares of ON Common Stock with an exercise price of \$5.96 per share.
  - (6) Represents par value per share of CATS Common Stock.
  - (7) The restricted stock unit vest as to 1/3 of the unit each year after the date of grant. Upon effectiveness of the merger, this unit was exchanged for a restricted stock unit to purchase 16,481 shares of ON Common Stock.

1/3 of the restricted stock unit shall vest on May 3, 2009 based on the achievement by reporting person of certain specified performance criteria. In the event such criteria is not met, 1/3 of the restricted stock unit will terminate on May 3, 2009. The remaining 2/3 of the restricted stock unit will vest on January 2, 2011. Upon effectiveness of the merger, this restricted stock unit was exchanged for a restricted stock unit of 25,416 shares of ON Common Stock.
  - (8)

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