

AVID TECHNOLOGY 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 *
 Parisi Paige

(Last) (First) (Middle)

46 TROWBRIDGE STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AVID TECHNOLOGY INC [AVID]

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

12/18/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

VP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.15 | 12/18/2007 | D ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 06/23/2013 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.15 | 12/18/2007 | A ⁽¹⁾ | 1,500 | | <u>(1)</u> | 06/23/2013 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 42.91 | 12/18/2007 | D ⁽²⁾ | | 500 | <u>(2)</u> | 02/10/2014 | Common Stock | 500 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 42.91 | 12/18/2007 | A ⁽²⁾ | 500 | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/10/2014 | Common Stock | 500 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 65.81 | 12/18/2007 | D ⁽³⁾ | | 800 | <u>(3)</u> | 02/17/2015 | Common Stock | 800 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 65.81 | 12/18/2007 | A ⁽³⁾ | 800 | | <u>(3)</u> | 02/17/2015 | Common Stock | 800 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 40.95 | 12/18/2007 | D ⁽⁴⁾ | | 600 | <u>(4)</u> | 09/02/2015 | Common Stock | 600 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 40.95 | 12/18/2007 | A ⁽⁴⁾ | 600 | | <u>(4)</u> | 09/02/2015 | Common Stock | 600 |

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|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------------|--------|-----|------------|--------------|--------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 39.09 | 12/18/2007 | D ⁽⁵⁾ | 10,000 | (5) | 05/26/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 39.09 | 12/18/2007 | A ⁽⁵⁾ | 10,000 | (5) | 05/26/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 33.86 | 12/18/2007 | D ⁽⁶⁾ | 14,188 | (6) | 02/23/2017 | Common Stock | 14,188 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 33.86 | 12/18/2007 | A ⁽⁶⁾ | 14,188 | (6) | 02/23/2017 | Common Stock | 14,188 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Parisi Paige 46 TROWBRIDGE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 | | | VP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ John S. LaMountain as Power of Attorney for Paige Parisi 12/20/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on June 23, 2003 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

(2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on February 10, 2004 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

(3) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on February 17, 2005 and provided for vesting as follows:

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12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant. On October 26, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors approved a partial acceleration of the vesting of this option so that this option became exercisable as to an additional number of shares equal to the number that would have been exercisable as of December 31, 2007.

- (4) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on September 2, 2005 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

- (5) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 26, 2006 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

- (6) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on February 23, 2007 and provides for vesting as follows: 12.5% of the shares vest on the date that is six (6) months after the Grant Date; the remaining shares vest in forty-two (42) equal monthly installments beginning on the date that is seven (7) months after the Grant Date.

Remarks:

All of the items reported on this form involve the amendment of outstanding options as a result of the Reporting Person entering

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