

TARKOFF ROBERT M
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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 *
TARKOFF ROBERT M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ADOBE SYSTEMS INC [ADBE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 345 PARK AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP&GM, DESBU

SAN JOSE, CA 95110
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 | | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2011 | | M | 3,750 | A \$ 0 | 39,051 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2011 | | F | 1,750 <u>(1)</u> | D \$ 35.33 | 37,301 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Shares | \$ 0 | 05/15/2011 | | M | 3,750 | (2) (2) | Common Stock | 3,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TARKOFF ROBERT M 345 PARK AVENUE SAN JOSE, CA 95110 | | | SVP&GM, DESBU | |

Signatures

/s/Justin Judd, as attorney-in-fact 05/17/2011

**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) Shares surrendered to pay tax liability due at vesting of Performance Share Units. Shares were calculated using the closing price on May 13, 2011 as the 2011 vesting date was Sunday, May 15, 2011.
- (2) Represents the number of shares acquired upon vesting of 25% of the Performance Share Units earned under the participant's 2007 Performance Share award. The participant earned 200% of the target award based on the achievement of certain pre-established performance goals during the 2007 fiscal year. This Performance Share award vested in full on May 15, 2011.

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