

Salmon Robert E  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Salmon Robert E                         |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP]                       |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| 495 E. JAVA DRIVE                         |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| SUNNYVALE,Â CAÂ 94089                     |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | Executive VP, Field Operations                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 10,256  | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 100,360   | I  | by Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    | 240   | I  | by Trust <sup>(2)</sup>                               |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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|   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 11/01/2009      | Common Stock        | 1,320                      | \$ 18.5                      | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 11/01/2009      | Common Stock        | 22,680                     | \$ 18.5                      | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(7)</u>     | 01/02/2010      | Common Stock        | 2,648                      | \$ 14.167                    | D   | Â          |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â <u>(6)</u>     | 01/31/2010      | Common Stock        | 1,854                      | \$ 53.907                    | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(6)</u>     | 01/31/2010      | Common Stock        | 148,146                    | \$ 53.907                    | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(8)</u>     | 01/01/2011      | Common Stock        | 2,187                      | \$ 17.146                    | D   | Â          |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 04/25/2011      | Common Stock        | 4,965                      | \$ 20.16                     | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 04/25/2011      | Common Stock        | 95,035                     | \$ 20.16                     | D   | Â          |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 02/06/2012      | Common Stock        | 1,250                      | \$ 15.32                     | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 02/06/2012      | Common Stock        | 28,750                     | \$ 15.32                     | D   | Â          |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â <u>(3)</u>     | 02/06/2012      | Common Stock        | 2,083                      | \$ 15.32                     | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(3)</u>     | 02/06/2012      | Common Stock        | 22,917                     | \$ 15.32                     | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 10/31/2012      | Common Stock        | 12,500                     | \$ 9.99                      | D   | Â          |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 05/08/2013      | Common Stock        | 9,478                      | \$ 15.711                    | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 05/08/2013      | Common Stock        | 65,522                     | \$ 15.711                    | D   | Â          |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 05/02/2014      | Common Stock        | 5,216                      | \$ 19.17                     | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 05/02/2014      | Common Stock        | 114,784                    | \$ 19.17                     | D   | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 09/01/2014      | Common Stock        | 50,000                     | \$ 20.61                     | D   | Â          |

|  |       |            |                 |        |          |   |   |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|---|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock<br>Option (right to buy) | Â (4) | 05/31/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 70,000 | \$ 29.24 | D | Â |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|---|---|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Salmon Robert E<br>495 E. JAVA DRIVE<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 | Â             | Â         | Â Executive VP, Field Operations | Â     |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney for Robert E.<br>Salmon | 12/09/2005 |
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 held in trust by Robert Salmon and Patricia Mertens-Salmon, trustees to the Salmon Trust UDT 10/6/2000
  - (2) Shares held in trust by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian for Michael T. Salmon UTMA CA  
Option vests with respect to 20% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the 12 months of service measured from the first anniversary of the option date; 30% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the following 12 months of service; and 50% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the final 12 months of service.
  - (4) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.
  - (5) Option vests with respect to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 36 month of service thereafter.  
Option vests with respect to 10% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date; 20% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the next 12 months of service; 30% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the following 12 months of service; and 40% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the final 12 months of service.
  - (6) Option vests with respect to 1/12th of the option shares on January 31, 2000; and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 11 months of service thereafter.
  - (7) Option vests with respect to 1/12th of the option shares on January 31, 2001; and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 11 months of service thereafter.
  - (8)

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