

L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC

Form S-8

June 30, 2009

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Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3937434
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.
600 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10016

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

L-3 Communications Corporation 2009 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
(Full title of the plan)

Steven M. Post, Esq.
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.
600 Third Avenue

New York, New York 10016
(Name and address of agent for service)

(212) 697-1111

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies of all notices, orders and communication to:

Avrohom J. Kess, Esq.
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
425 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017-3954
(212) 455-2000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share(2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)	Amount of registration fee(2)(3)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	8,000,000 shares	\$ 68.81	\$ 550,480,000	\$ 30,716.78

- (1) In addition to the shares set forth in the table, pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the number of shares registered includes an indeterminable number of shares of common stock (the Common Stock) issuable under the L-3 Communications Corporation 2009 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan), as this amount may be adjusted as a result of stock splits, stock dividends and anti-dilution provisions. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan described herein.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, the proposed maximum offering price per share, the proposed maximum aggregate offering price and the amount of registration fee have been computed on the basis of the average high and low prices per share of the Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite transaction tape on June 25, 2009. Pursuant to Rule 457(h)(2) under the Securities Act, there is no separate registration fee that is required to be paid with respect to the plan interests registered pursuant to this Registration Statement.
- (3) \$15,663.47 of the filing fee for Common Stock registered herein is offset pursuant to Rule 457(p) of the Securities Act by filing fees previously paid with respect to unsold shares registered pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-134607) filed by the Registrant on May 31, 2006 for the L-3 Communications Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan and deregistered pursuant to a post-effective amendment filed on June 30, 2009.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 8,000,000 shares of Common Stock of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. (the Company or the Registrant) being registered pursuant to this Registration Statement are additional securities of the same class as other securities for which registration statements (File Nos. 333-64300 and 333-134607) on Forms S-8 were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on June 29, 2001 and May 31, 2006, respectively. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of such earlier registration statements are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement, except that the provisions contained in Part II of such earlier registration statements are modified as set forth in this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents filed with the Commission by the Company are hereby incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2008;
- (b) Annual Reports on Form 11-K of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2008;
- (c) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended March 27, 2009;
- (d) Current Reports on Form 8-K of the Company filed on April 29, 2009 and February 25, 2009; and
- (e) The description of the Company's common stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A12B filed on May 18, 1998, as amended by the amendment to the certificate of incorporation as described in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

None.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL) provides for, among other things:

- (i) permissive indemnification for expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by designated persons, including directors and officers of a corporation, in the event such persons are parties to litigation other than stockholder derivative actions if certain conditions are met;
- (ii) permissive indemnification for expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by designated persons, including directors, officers, employees or agents of a corporation, in the event such persons are parties to stockholder derivative actions if certain conditions are met;

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(iii) mandatory indemnification for expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by designated persons, including directors and officers of a corporation, in the event such persons are successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of litigation covered by (i) and (ii) above; and

(iv) that the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for by Section 145 is not deemed exclusive of any other rights which may be provided under any by-law, agreement, stockholder or disinterested director vote, or otherwise.

In addition to the indemnification provisions of the DGCL described above, the Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") provides that the Registrant shall, to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, (i) indemnify its officers and directors and (ii) advance expenses incurred by such officers or directors in relation to any action, suit or proceeding.

The Registrant's Bylaws (the "Bylaws") require the advancement of expenses to an officer or director (without a determination as to his conduct) in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding if such person furnishes a written undertaking to repay any advances if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to indemnification. In connection with proceedings by or in the right of the Registrant, the Bylaws provide that indemnification shall include not only reasonable expenses, but also judgments, fines, penalties and amounts paid in settlement.

The Bylaws purport to confer upon officers and directors contractual rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided therein. The right to indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided therein shall (i) vest at the time that such claimant becomes a director, officer, employee or agent of the Registrant or at the time such claimant becomes a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, at the request of the Registrant and (ii) continue as to the claimant even though he may have ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent of the Registrant.

The Certificate of Incorporation limits the personal liability of directors to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of the fiduciary duty as a director, other than liability as a director (i) for breach of duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL (certain illegal distributions) or (iv) for any transaction for which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

The Registrant maintains officers' and directors' insurance covering certain liabilities that may be incurred by officers and directors in the performance of their duties.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

For the list of exhibits, see the Exhibit Index to this Registration Statement, which is incorporated in this item by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on this 30th day of June, 2009.

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Steven M. Post
Name: Steven M. Post, Esq.
Title: Senior Vice President, General
Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Steven M. Post, Esq., as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for him in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacity, in connection with this Registration Statement, including to sign and file in the name and on behalf of the undersigned as director or officer of the registrant any and all amendments or supplements (including any and all stickers and post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable securities exchange or securities self-regulatory body, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and things requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agents, or any substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 30th day of June, 2009.

Signature	Title
/s/ Michael T. Strianese Michael T. Strianese	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer <i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i>
/s/ Ralph G. D Ambrosio Ralph G. D Ambrosio	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer <i>(Principal Financial Officer)</i>
/s/ Dan Azmon Dan Azmon	Corporate Controller <i>(Principal Accounting Officer)</i>
Robert B. Millard	Director
/s/ Claude R. Canizares	Director

Claude R. Canizares

/s/ Thomas A. Corcoran

Director

Thomas A. Corcoran

/s/ John M. Shalikashvili

Director

John M. Shalikashvili

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Signature

Title

/s/ Arthur L. Simon

Director

Arthur L. Simon

/s/ Alan H. Washkowitz

Director

Alan H. Washkowitz

/s/ John P. White

Director

John P. White

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Plan) have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on the 30th day of June, 2009

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 2009
EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

By: /s/ Ralph G. D Ambrosio
Name: Ralph G. D Ambrosio
Title: Authorized Signatory,
L-3 Benefit Plan Committee

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Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
4.1	Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2002, as filed with the Commission on August 6, 2002 (File No. 001-14141)).
4.2	Amended and Restated By-laws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the Commission on April 29, 2009 (File No. 001-14141)).
4.3	Form of common stock certificate (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-1, as filed with the Commission on May 15, 1998 (File No. 333-46975)).
4.4	L-3 Communications Corporation 2009 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, as filed with the Commission on March 16, 2009 (File No. 001-14141)).
5	Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, with respect to legality of securities being registered hereunder.
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
23.2	Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (reference is made to Exhibit 5 filed herewith).
24	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to this Registration Statement).