

SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Green Richard L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.
 [JAVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4150 NETWORK CIRCLE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/27/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Software Group

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2008 | | A ⁽³⁾ | | 44,600 | A | \$ 0.0007 |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2008 | | A ⁽³⁾ | | 33,333 | A | \$ 0.0007 |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2008 | | F ⁽⁴⁾ | | 3,987 | D | \$ 10.43 |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2008 | | F ⁽⁴⁾ | | 5,959 | D | \$ 10.43 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,151 |
| | | | | | | I | Shares held by wife. |

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| Common Stock | 276 | I | Shares held in a custodial account for son. |
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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. F Der Sec (Ins | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.8 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/21/2011 | Common Stock | 600 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.832 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 11/13/2011 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.76 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 09/17/2012 | Common Stock | 750 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.48 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 01/27/2013 | Common Stock | 1,800 |
| | \$ 21.32 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 11/02/2014 | | 403 |

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|--|----------|-----|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | | | | Common Stock | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.04 | (1) | 07/27/2014 | Common Stock | 62,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.4 | (1) | 07/31/2017 | Common Stock | 106,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Green Richard L 4150 NETWORK CIRCLE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | EVP, Software Group | |

Signatures

/s/ Richard L.
Green 07/29/2008

**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) This option vests and becomes exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) This includes 50,116 shares of unvested restricted stock units.
This includes performance-based restricted stock units in which the award criteria was satisfied in 2007. Upon satisfaction of the award criteria, 25% of the underlying shares vested immediately and 25% of the underlying shares shall vest on each anniversary of the date of grant thereafter. The reporting person's Form 4 filed in connection with the initial vesting of this performance-based restricted stock unit award did not include the report of the unvested portion, which is now being reported.
- (3)
- (4) This represents the surrender of shares to the issuer upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock units to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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