

COTTLE KAREN O  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
COTTLE KAREN O

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)  
ADOBE SYSTEMS  
INCORPORATED, 345 PARK  
AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

SAN JOSE, CA 95110

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

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

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	01/24/2012		M		9,300	A	\$ 0 82,747 D
Common Stock	01/24/2012		F		3,411 (1)	D	\$ 30.95 79,336 D
Common Stock	01/24/2012		M		8,234	A	\$ 0 87,570 D
Common Stock	01/24/2012		F		3,163 (1)	D	\$ 30.95 84,407 D
Common Stock	01/24/2012		M		4,750	A	\$ 0 89,157 D

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Common Stock	01/24/2012	F	<u>1,742</u> (2)	D	\$ 30.95	87,415	D
Common Stock	01/25/2012	M	4,950	A	\$ 0	92,365	D
Common Stock	01/25/2012	F	<u>1,815</u> (1)	D	\$ 31.34	90,550	D
Common Stock	01/25/2012	M	17,500	A	\$ 0	108,050	D
Common Stock	01/25/2012	F	<u>8,046</u> (2)	D	\$ 31.34	100,004	D
Common Stock	01/25/2012	M	3,000	A	\$ 0	103,004	D
Common Stock	01/25/2012	F	<u>1,100</u> (2)	D	\$ 31.34	101,904	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	M	4,125	A	\$ 0	106,029	D
Common Stock	01/26/2012	F	<u>1,924</u> (2)	D	\$ 31.18	104,105	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	\$ 0	01/24/2012		M	9,300	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	9,300
Performance Shares	\$ 0	01/24/2012		M	8,234	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	8,234
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/24/2012		M	4,750	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	4,750

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Performance Shares	\$ 0	01/25/2012	M	4,950	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	4,950
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/25/2012	M	17,500	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	17,500
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/25/2012	M	3,000	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/26/2012	M	4,125	(9)	(9)	Common Stock	4,125

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COTTLE KAREN O ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED 345 PARK AVENUE SAN JOSE, CA 95110			SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Justin Judd, as  
attorney-in-fact

01/26/2012

\_\_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.

(2) Shares surrendered to pay tax liability due at vesting of Restricted Stock Units.

(3) Represents the number of shares acquired upon vesting of 25% of the Performance Share Units earned by the participant in connection with the Performance Share award filed January 28, 2008. The participant earned 124% of the target award based on the achievement of certain pre-established performance goals during the 2008 fiscal year. This Performance Share award vested in full on the fourth anniversary of the January 24, 2008 grant date.

(4) Represents the number of shares acquired upon vesting of 1/3 of the Performance Share Units earned by the participant in connection with the Performance Share award filed January 26, 2011. The participant earned 130% of the target award based on the achievement of certain pre-established performance goals during the 2011 fiscal year. The remaining Performance Share Units will vest as to 1/3 of the full earned amount on each of the second and third anniversary of the January 24, 2011 grant date.

(5) Vests at a rate of 25% annually on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary of the January 24, 2011 grant date. The remaining units will vest on January 24, 2013 as to 4,750 shares, January 24, 2014 as to 4,750 shares and January 24, 2015 as to the remaining 4,750 shares.

(6) Represents the number of shares acquired upon vesting of 1/3 of the Performance Share Units earned by the participant in connection with the Performance Share award filed January 26, 2010. The participant earned 135% of the target award based on the achievement of certain pre-established performance goals during the 2010 fiscal year. The remaining Performance Share Units will vest as to 1/3 of the full earned amount on the third anniversary of the January 25, 2010 grant date.

(7) Vests at a rate of 50% on the second anniversary of the January 25, 2010 grant date, and then 25% annually on the third and fourth anniversary of the grant date. The remaining units will vest on January 25, 2013 as to 8,750 shares and January 25, 2014 as to the remaining 8,750 shares.

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Vests at a rate of 25% annually on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary of the January 25, 2010 grant date. The remaining units will vest on January 25, 2013 as to 3,000 shares and January 25, 2014 as to the remaining 3,000 shares.

- (9) Vests at a rate of 25% annually on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary of the January 26, 2009 grant date. The remaining units will vest on January 26, 2013 as to 4,125 shares.

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