

Gahagan Christopher  
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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 \*  
 Gahagan Christopher

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.  
 [AVID]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC., 75  
 NETWORK DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP of Products

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/24/2012		A	(1)	15,000	A	\$ 0 59,638	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)**

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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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.71	02/24/2012		A	100,000	<u>(2)</u>	02/24/2019	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gahagan Christopher AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC. 75 NETWORK DRIVE BURLINGTON, MA 01803			SVP of Products	

## Signatures

/s/ John S. LaMountain as Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher C. Gahagan	02/28/2012
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).

Represents restricted stock unit award that will vest on a time-based schedule as follows: 25% of the shares vest on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 75% of the shares vest in equal 6.25% installments every three months thereafter ending on the fourth anniversary of the grant date provided the Reporting Person is still employed by the Company on each such vesting date. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AVID common stock. This award includes a provision for the withholding of shares by the Issuer to pay the withholding taxes due on each vesting date.

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