

FARO TECHNOLOGIES INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Townsley John (Last) (First) (Middle)  125 TECHNOLOGY PARK (Street)  LAKE MARY, FL 32746 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/14/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARO TECHNOLOGIES INC [FARO]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Senior VP Human Resources	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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
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**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	0	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 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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/14/2008	05/14/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 33.21	D <u>(1)</u>	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/12/2009	03/12/2015	Common Stock	7,400	\$ 31.06	D <u>(2)</u>	Â
Common Stock	03/12/2009	Â <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	5,000	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D <u>(3)</u>	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Townsley John 125 TECHNOLOGY PARK LAKE MARY, FL 32746	Â	Â	Â Senior VP Human Resources	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Steven Vazquez as Attorney-In-Fact for John Townsley 04/16/2008

\_\_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) The option was granted to reporting person under the Issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 14, 2008.
  - (2) The option was granted to reporting person under the Issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2009.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. The restricted stock units
- (3) were granted pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year from grant, subject to the satisfaction of other conditions.

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