

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS
Form S-8
February 19, 2003

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 19, 2003

Registration No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

The Securities Act of 1933

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

94-3208477
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1005 Hamilton Court

Menlo Park, California 94025

(Address of principal executive offices)

2001 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan

(Full title of the plan(s))

Ronald A. Croen

President and Chief Executive Officer

Nuance Communications, Inc.

1005 Hamilton Court

Menlo Park, California 94025

(Name and address of agent for service)

(650) 847-0000

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

Copy to:

Steven E. Bochner, Esq.

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Professional Corporation

650 Page Mill Road

Palo Alto, CA 94304-1050

(650) 493-9300

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Maximum Amount to be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee |
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|--|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Reserved under the 2001 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan | 850,000 shares | \$2.30(1) | \$1,955,000 | \$179.86 |
|--|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|

- (1) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of \$2.30 per share, the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market on February 13, 2003.
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NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

We incorporate by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents and information filed by Nuance Communications, Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission):

- (a) Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-72682), filed with the Commission on November 1, 2001.
- (b) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2001, filed with the Commission on April 1, 2002.
- (c) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended March 31, 2002, filed with the Commission on May 15, 2002, for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, filed with the Commission on August 14, 2002, and for the quarter ended September 30, 2002, filed with the Commission on November 14, 2002.
- (d) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on April 17, 2002, July 30, 2002 and December 13, 2002.
- (e) The description of the common shares contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on April 3, 2000 including any reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that includes that all securities offered pursuant to this Registration Statement have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of such documents are filed. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be modified or superceded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supercedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superceded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superceded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

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The consolidated financial statements of the Registrant incorporated into this registration statement by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 were audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, as indicated in their report with respect thereto, and have been so incorporated in reliance on the authority of said firm as experts in giving said report. After reasonable efforts, we have not been able to obtain the written consent of Arthur Andersen LLP as required

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by Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Because this registration statement does not contain a written consent from Arthur Andersen LLP, it is possible that Arthur Andersen LLP might assert that any right of recovery against them under Section 11(a) of the Securities Act could be limited. However, in the event that any claims under Section 11(a) of the Securities Act are brought, other persons who may be subject to such claims, including our officers and directors, may still rely on Arthur Andersen LLP's original audit report as being made by an expert for purposes of establishing a due diligence defense under Section 11(b) of the Securities Act. In addition, Arthur Andersen LLP was convicted on June 15, 2002 of federal obstruction of justice. Investors may have no effective remedy against Arthur Andersen LLP in connection with any claims, particularly in the event that Arthur Andersen LLP ceases to exist or becomes insolvent.

Item 8. Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 3.1* | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant. |
| 3.2* | Bylaws of Registrant. |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Counsel as to legality of securities being registered. |
| 10.1** | 2001 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan and related form of stock option agreement. |
| 23.2 | Consent of Counsel (contained in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (see page II-3 of the Registration Statement). |

(*) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-96217), as declared effective by the Commission on April 12, 2000.

(**) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No 333-72682) filed with the Commission on November 1, 2001.

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 Menlo Park, State of California, on this 13th day of February, 2003.

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: /s/ KAREN BLASING

Karen Blasing

Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Ronald A. Croen and Karen Blasing, and each of them, as his attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution in each, for him in any and all capacities to sign any amendments to this registration statement on Form S-8, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or his substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

| Signature | Title | Date |
|---|--|-------------------|
| <u> /s/ RONALD CROEN </u> | President, Chief Executive Officer and | February 13, 2003 |
| Ronald Croen | Chairman of the Board | |
| <u> /s/ KAREN BLASING </u> | Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | February 13, 2003 |
| Karen Blasing | (Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer) | |
| <u> /s/ CURTIS CARLSON </u> | Director | February 13, 2003 |
| Dr. Curtis Carlson | | |

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Director

Dr. Vinton Cerf

/s/ IRWIN FEDERMAN

Director

February 13, 2003

Irwin Federman

/s/ ALAN HERZIG

Director

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Alan Herzig

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Gary Morgenthaler

/s/ PHILIP QUIGLEY

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