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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Singer Eric Symbol SIGMA DESIGNS INC [SIGM] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O SIGMA DESIGNS, INC., 1778 08/07/2012 below) MCCARTHY BLVD. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MILPITAS, CA 95035 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 23,426 08/07/2012 68,426 D Α \$0 (1)(2)Stock By Potomac Common Capital 1,918,717 I Stock Management III, L.L.C (3)

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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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Singer Eric							
C/O SIGMA DESIGNS, INC.	X						
1778 MCCARTHY BLVD.	Λ						
MILPITAS, CA 95035							

## **Signatures**

/s/ Thomas E Gay III as attorney-in-fact for Eric 08/07/2012 Singer

> \*\*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) 23,426 Restricted Stock Units granted to reporting person under the Company's 2009 Stock Plan.
- Represents award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") that will vest in full on earlier of the three-year anniversary from August 7, 2012 or **(2)** the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. RSUs may be settled only for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- Represents shares held directly or indirectly by Potomac Capital Management III, L.L.C. and certain of its affiliates ("Potomac Capital III"). Mr. Singer, by virtue of his position as a managing member of Potomac Capital III, may be deemed to beneficially own the shares **(3)** beneficially owned by Potomac Capital III for purposes of Section 16. Mr. Singer expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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