

3COM CORP  
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**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol      |  |
| Â HAMILTON JAMES A                        |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | 3COM CORP [COMS]                                 |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 03/28/2007                           | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)       |
| 350 CAMPUS DRIVE                          |         |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)                           |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |                                      | ___ Director ___ 10% Owner                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| MARLBOROUGH,Â MAÂ 01752-3064              |         |          |                                      | <u> X </u> Officer ___ Other (specify below)     | <u> X </u> Form filed by One Reporting Person              |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |                                      | SVP and President, Tippin                        | ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person           |

**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                    | 230,970 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | D  | Â   |

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)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|---|-------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 02/01/2012 | Common Stock | 50,000    | \$ 3.65 | D                 | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 11/02/2012 | Common Stock | 1,000,000 | \$ 3.97 | D                 | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 09/05/2013 | Common Stock | 475,000   | \$ 4.45 | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other |
| HAMILTON JAMES A<br>350 CAMPUS DRIVE<br>MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064 | Â             | Â         | Â SVP and<br>President,<br>Tippin | Â     |

## Signatures

James A.  
Hamilton 04/06/2007

\_\_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) Includes 187,500 Non-Derivative shares awarded on September 5, 2006 pursuant to 3Com Corporation's 2003 Stock Plan and are subject to a three-year, semi-annual vesting schedule. These shares cannot be sold until vesting requirements have been met.
- (2) Shares granted become exercisable in equal installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.

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