

BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
NIGBOR DONALD E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC [BHE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

ANGLETON, TX 77515
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2006		M	9,800 A \$ 10.21	129,248	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		M	50,200 A \$ 13.0417	179,448	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		S	80,000 D \$ 35.823	99,448	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)

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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.21	03/14/2006		M	9,800	<u>(1)</u>	05/14/2007	Common Stock	9,800
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.0417	03/14/2006		M	50,200	<u>(2)</u>	07/09/2008	Common Stock	50,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIGBOR DONALD E 3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE ANGLETON, TX 77515			X	

Signatures

Donald E. Nigbor
03/14/2006

**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) The option became exercisable as to (i) 12,000 shares on May 14, 1999, (ii) 18,000 shares on May 14, 2000, and (iii) 30,000 shares on May 14, 2001.
- (2) The option became exercisable as to (i) 24,000 shares on July 9, 2000, (ii) 36,000 shares on July 9, 2001 and (iii) 60,000 shares on July 9, 2002.

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