

SOARES DAVID  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SOARES DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
NETGEAR, INC., 350 E.  
PLUMERIA DR.  
(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NETGEAR, INC [NTGR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/16/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP and GM, RBU

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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2012                           |  | M <sup>(11)</sup>              |   | 417   | A  | \$ 11.41  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2012                           |  | S <sup>(11)</sup>              |   | 417   | D  | \$ 37.51  |

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) | 8. D S (I |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title     | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 29.23   |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 01/12/2017   | Common Stock  | 20,000    |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 28.79   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 01/11/2018   | Common Stock  | 20,000    |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 11.41   | 03/16/2012                           |  | M(11)                          | 417   | (5) 01/16/2019   | Common Stock  | 417       |                            |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (6) (2)  | Common Stock  | 2,000     |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 21.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7) 02/02/2020   | Common Stock  | 14,000    |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 20.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | (8) 06/13/2020   | Common Stock  | 12,000    |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to            | \$ 35.32   |                                      |  |                                |   | (9) 02/03/2021   | Common Stock  | 20,000    |                            |

Buy)  
 Employee  
 Stock  
 Option \$ 33.15 (10) 04/26/2021 Common Stock 3,400  
 (Right to  
 Buy)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| SOARES DAVID<br>NETGEAR, INC.<br>350 E. PLUMERIA DR.<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | SVP and GM, RBU |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Andrew W. Kim, Attorney  
 in Fact 03/20/2012

\_\_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) Converts to common stock on a one for one basis.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 1/12/2008, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (4) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 1/11/2009, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (5) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 1/16/2010, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (6) Stock units will be paid in an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting of the units. 25% of the units will cliff vest on each anniversary of 1/16/2009, the vesting start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 1/16/2013.
- (7) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 2/2/2011, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (8) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest on 6/13/2011, and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall vest each month thereafter, subject to the optionee continuing to be a service provider on such dates.
- (9) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 2/3/2012, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (10) 25% of the option grant is exercisable on 4/26/2012, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- (11) The exercises and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 30, 2011.

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