

Naddaf Esfandiar
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FORM 4

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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 *
Naddaf Esfandiar

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SYNOPSYS INC [SNPS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2011

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

700 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD

VP, Controller

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/20/2011		M	624 A \$ 21.02	1,206	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2011		S	624 D \$ 26.84	582	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2011		M	624 A \$ 17.64	1,206	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2011		S	624 D \$ 26.84	582	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.64	12/20/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	624	03/10/2009 ⁽²⁾ 12/10/2015	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.02	12/20/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	624	03/04/2010 ⁽³⁾ 12/04/2016	Common Stock	6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Naddaf Esfandiar 700 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043			VP, Controller	

Signatures

By: Stephen Buckhout pursuant to POA For: Esfandiar
Naddaf 12/21/2011

__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 transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) 3/48ths of the option becomes exercisable on the date shown followed by 45 equal monthly installments

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(3) Option vests in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning on the date shown.

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