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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person– TOMPKINS JON D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KLA TENCOR CORP [KLAC]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) C/O KLA-TENCOR CORPORATIO ROBLES	DIT 1 CO DIO	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2004						Officer (give title below)Other (specify below)			
(Street) SAN JOSE, CA 95130	4	4. If Amendment, Da	te Original I	Filed	Month/Day/	Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(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)	Execution Date, if any	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	ion	(A) or Disposed of (D)			Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/12/2004		S		7,500	D	\$ 53	4,200	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)															
	Conversion		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		of Deri	vative rities uired or osed O) r. 3,	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ear) of Underlying Securities		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.05							11/08/2002	11/08/2012	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 59.44							11/05/2003	11/05/2013	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TOMPKINS JON D C/O KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION 160 RIO ROBLES SAN JOSE, CA 95130	х						

### Signatures

By: Stuart J. Nichols For: Jon D. Tompkins	03/15/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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