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Form 4 Transactions

Reported

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person NICHOLS STUART J | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KLA TENCOR CORP [KLAC] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s (Check all applica Director | | | |
|---|--|--|--------------|--|---|---|---|--|-------------------------|
| (Last) (First) C/O KLA-TENCOR CORPORAT ROBLES | | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2004 | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP and General Counsel | | |
| (Street) SAN JOSE, CA 95130 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) | | | |
| (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) | (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
| Common Stock | 06/30/2004 | | J <u>(1)</u> | 351 | A | \$ 31.756 | 1,753 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form 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)

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|---|---|--------------------------|---|------|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|--------|--|--|
| Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | Number | | Expiration Dat | | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's | | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 26.25 | | | | | | 11/10/2001 | 11/10/2010 | Common Stock | 4,300 | | 4,300 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.31 | | | | | | 10/02/2002 | 10/02/2011 | Common Stock | 12,000 | | 12,000 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.75 | | | | | | 04/04/2002 | 04/04/2011 | Common Stock | 6,000 | | 6,000 | D | |

| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 33.75 | | 10/27/2000 | 10/27/2009 | Common Stock | 21,000 | 2 | 21,000 | D | |
|---|---------------|--|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|---|--------|---|--|
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 34.67 | | 11/08/2003 | 01/28/2013 | Common Stock | 6,500 | 6 | 5,500 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 37.05 | | 11/08/2003 | 11/08/2012 | Common Stock | 3,250 | 3 | ,250 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 44.6875 | | 08/13/2001 | 08/13/2010 | Common Stock | 12,000 | 1 | 2,000 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 45.16 | | 10/27/2004 | 04/26/2014 | Common Stock | 3,750 | 3 | ,750 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 51.229 | | 11/08/2003 | 07/30/2013 | Common Stock | 3,250 | 3 | ,250 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 53.86 | | 10/27/2004 | 10/27/2013 | Common Stock | 6,000 | 6 | 5,000 | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 58.10 | | 10/27/2004 | 01/27/2014 | Common Stock | 3,000 | 3 | ,000 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| NICHOLS STUART J C/O KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION 160 RIO ROBLES SAN JOSE, CA 95130 | | | VP and General Counsel | | | | | |

Signatures

| Stuart J. Nichols | 08/10/2004 |
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| **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) Voluntary reporting of ESPP shares Purchased on 6/30/2004.

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