

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * NICHOLS STUART J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KLA TENCOR CORP [KLAC]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) VP and General Counsel		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2004					
C/O KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION, 160 RIO ROBLES								
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
SAN JOSE, CA 95130								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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								1,117	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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 58.10	01/27/2004		A		3,000	10/27/2004	01/27/2014	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 0	3,000	D	
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		21,000	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.67							11/08/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	6,500		6,500	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		12,000	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		6,000	D

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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	01/28/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).

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