FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | ess of Reporting Pers | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC [LLL] | | tionship of Reporting Per all applicable) Director | son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|---|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| |) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2004 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) |
| (Street) NEW YORK | NY | 10016 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More that Person | orting 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) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Disposed Of 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1151114) | | |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2004 | | Α | | 204 | Α | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 504 | D | | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| 4/27/04 Stock Option | \$60.84 | 04/27/2004 | | A | | 2,500 | | (1) | 04/27/2014 | Common Stock | 2,500 | \$0 | 2,500 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option vests over a 3-year period in increments of 833 shares of common stock per year.

/s/ Christopher C. Cambria

04/27/2004 Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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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Claude R. Canizares Exhibit to Form 4 L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. April 27, 2004

AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned hereby appoints Christopher C. Cambria and Michael T. Strianese, each acting alone, as his or her Authorized Representative to execute and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in the name and on behalf of the undersigned, any and all of the following documents pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Rules promulgated thereunder which relate to the securities of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.: (i) Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership on Form 3, (ii) Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4, and (iii) Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 5. This Authorization shall take effect as of the date hereof and shall remain in full force and effect until the earlier of the fifth anniversary hereof or the revocation of this Authorization by the undersigned.

Date: January 6, 2004

By: /s/ Claude R. Canizares Claude R. Canizares