

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SHALIKASHVILI JOHN M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION</u> <u>600 THIRD AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK</u> <u>NY</u> <u>10016</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS</u> <u>INC [LLL]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/27/2004</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/27/2004		A		204	A	\$0	994 ⁽¹⁾	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. 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 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		(2)	04/27/2014	Common Stock	2,500	\$0	2,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Does not include options held as of April 27, 2004 to purchase 10,500 shares of common stock, which options are exercisable within 60 days of April 27, 2004.
2. 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
** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.
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John M. Shalikashvili
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, 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, as amended, 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 tenth anniversary hereof or the revocation of this Authorization by the undersigned.

Date: April 22, 2003

By: /s/ John M. Shalikashvili

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