

PAPADOPOULOS GREGORY M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 PAPADOPOULOS GREGORY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SUN MICROSYSTEMS INC  
 [SUNW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4150 NETWORK CIRCLE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/22/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CTO

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/22/2004		M	44,000	A \$ 3.8125	0	D
Common Stock	11/22/2004		S	44,000	D \$ 5.2	49,217 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.2	11/22/2004		M	44,000	12/11/2000	12/11/2004	Common Stock	44,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.3994					04/21/2001	04/21/2005	Common Stock	64,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.7344					12/10/2001	12/10/2005	Common Stock	80,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.0234					04/15/2002	04/15/2008	Common Stock	212,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5313					04/20/2003	04/20/2009	Common Stock	200,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 40					<u>(2)</u>	04/12/2010	Common Stock	100,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.58					<u>(3)</u>	04/18/2011	Common Stock	200,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.59					<u>(4)</u>	11/07/2011	Common Stock	75,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.59					<u>(5)</u>	11/07/2011	Common Stock	75,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.14					<u>(6)</u>	03/19/2010	Common Stock	200
Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.45					<u>(7)</u>	05/02/2012	Common Stock	200,000

Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.7	(8)	07/25/2012	Common Stock	300,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.85	(9)	07/23/2013	Common Stock	500,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.79	(10)	07/29/2014	Common Stock	400,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAPADOPOULOS GREGORY M 4150 NETWORK CIRCLE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			EVP & CTO	

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory M.  
Papadopoulos

11/23/2004

\*\*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) Includes 445 and 5,941 shares purchased under the Sun Microsystems, Inc. 1990 Employee Stock purchase plan on October 30, 2003 and April 30, 2004, respectively.
- (2) The option vests in 5 equal installment of 20,000 shares each on April 12, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal installments of 40,000 shares each on April 18, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- (4) The option vests in 5 equal installments of 15,000 shares each on November 7, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- (5) The option vests in 3 equal installments of 25,000 shares each on November 7, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (6) The option vests in 5 equal installments of 40 shares each on March 19, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (7) The option vests in 5 equal installments of 40,000 shares each on May 2, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (8) The option vests in 5 equal installments of 60,000 shares each on July 25, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (9) The option vests in 5 installments of 100,000 shares each on July 23, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- (10) The option vest in 5 installments of 80,000 shares each on July 29, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. .

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