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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 *
Lehmann Michael J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COVANCE INC [CVD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
210 CARNEGIE CENTER

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Corp. Sr. Vice President

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)	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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/16/2010		D	1,802 (1) D \$ 0	8,059	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2010		A	3,069 A \$ 0	11,128	D	
Common Stock - 401(k) Plan					545	I	Held by Trustee

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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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.93	02/17/2010		A	9,593	<u>(2)</u> 02/16/2020	Common Stock	9,593

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Lehmann Michael J. 210 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Corp. Sr. Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Ross A. Hyams, Power of Attorney
Date: 02/18/2010

**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) Shares forfeited in accordance with the terms of the applicable restricted stock agreement.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting one year from grant date.

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