#### **ELECTRONIC ARTS INC**

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# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* LINZNER JOEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC [ERTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2006

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

209 REDWOOD SHORES **PARKWAY** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

EVP, Business & Legal Affairs

(Check all applicable)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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below)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amour Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securit** Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	or Dispose (D)	(Instr. 3, 4,				
				Code	V (A)	` /	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 52.03	03/01/2006		A	42,000		<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2016	Common Stock	42,0
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/01/2006		A	6,000		<u>(3)</u>	03/02/2009	Common Stock	6,0

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LINZNER JOEL

209 REDWOOD SHORES PARKWAY REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065

EVP, Business & Legal Affairs

**Signatures** 

Stephanie Kuo attorney in fact for Joel Laurence
Linzner

03/02/2006

\*\*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) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 24%, 12 months from vest date; then vests as to an additional 2% each month thereafter for 38 months
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Electronic Arts common stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units vest as to 25%, 12 months from grant date; then vest as to an additional 25%, 24 months from grant date; and then vest as to the remaining 50%, 36 months from grant date.

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