Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SWANSON WILLIAM H							uer Name and Tick YTHEON CO			Symbol		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 870 WINTER STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2010							Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO				
(Street) WALTHAM MA 02451 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
			Та	ble I - N	on-Deriv	ative	Securities Ac	quired	d, Dis	sposed of,	or Ber	neficially	Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			3)	2. Transac Date (Month/Da			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			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)		(11301. 4)	
Common	Stock				12/20/2	2010		M		93,166(1)	A	\$31.445	938,416	D		
Common	Stock				12/20/2	2010		S		93,166(1)	D	\$45.02(2)	845,250	D		
Common	Stock				12/21/2	2010		M		69,404(1)	A	\$31.445	914,654	D		
Common	Stock				12/21/2	2010		S		69,404(1)	D	\$45.01 ⁽³⁾	845,250	D		
Common	Stock				12/22/2	2010		M		12,430(1)	A	\$31.445	857,680	D		
Common Stock					12/22/2	2010		S		12,430(1)	D	\$45.01(4)	845,250	D		
				Table II			ecurities Acqualls, warrants			•		-	wned			
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(e.g., puts, cans, 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) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo	te	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				
Employee Stock Option	\$31.445	12/20/2010		M			93,166	05/14/2006 ⁽⁵⁾	05/14/2013	Common Stock	93,166	\$0	78,654	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$31.445	12/21/2010		М			69,404	05/14/2006 ⁽⁵⁾	05/14/2013	Common Stock	69,404	\$0	9,250	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$31.445	12/22/2010		М			9,250	05/14/2006 ⁽⁵⁾	05/14/2013	Common Stock	9,250	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$31.445	12/22/2010		М			3,180	05/14/2006 ⁽⁵⁾	05/13/2013	Common Stock	3,180	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The stock option exercises and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 19, 2010.
- 2. The reported price is based on a weighted average of multiple same-day transactions with prices ranging from \$45.00 to \$45.15 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer or any security holder of the Issuer upon request.
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- 4. The reported price is based on a weighted average of multiple same-day transactions with prices ranging from \$45.00 to \$45.02 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer or any security holder of the Issuer upon request.
- 5. The options became exercisable in three annual installments beginning on May 14, 2004.

12/22/2010 /s/ Dana Ng, Attorney-in-fact

** 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).

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