

ADOBE SYSTEMS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
TOWNSLEY THERESA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ADOBE SYSTEMS INC [ADBE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ADOBE SYSTEMS  
INCORPORATED, 345 PARK  
AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/27/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Human Resources

(Street)  
SAN JOSE, CA 95110

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | Price  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/27/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 100,000   | \$ 13.235  | 152,826 <sup>(1)</sup> / <sub>(2)</sub> D  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/27/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 100,000   | \$ 28.0306   | 52,826 <sup>(2)</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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Nonqualified Stock Option                  | \$ 13.235  | 09/27/2005                           |  | M                              | 100,000   | 09/27/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/12/2009                     | Common Stock                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| TOWNSLEY THERESA<br>ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED<br>345 PARK AVENUE<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95110 |               |           | SVP, Human Resources |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Stuart Fagin, as attorney-in-fact 09/28/2005

\_\_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) Total includes purchase of 810 shares of common stock on June 30, 2005 pursuant to Adobe's 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Reporting person also has power of attorney over 1,642 shares held by her mother-in-law, as to which the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) Vests at a rate of 25% one year after grant date, 2.08% per month for the following 12 months, and 4.17% per month for the remaining 12 months.

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