

AWARE INC /MA/  
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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 \*  
**GROSS RICHARD W**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O AWARE INC, 40 MIDDLESEX  
TURNPIKE**

(Street)

**BEDFORD, MA 01730**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/20/2009**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior VP - Engineering

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	8,000	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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 2.52	05/20/2009		A	12,000	(1)	05/20/2019	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.44					(2)	05/23/2018	Common Stock	43,200
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.06					(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	75,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.58					(4)	02/22/2010	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.07					(5)	02/09/2015	Common Stock	10,390
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.07					(5)	02/09/2015	Common Stock	32,100
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.95					(6)	09/08/2014	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(7)	10/14/2013	Common Stock	30,580 (11)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(7)	10/14/2013	Common Stock	25,910 (11)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(8)	10/14/2013	Common Stock	37,500 (11)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(9)	10/14/2013	Common Stock	57,500 (11)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(10)	10/14/2013	Common Stock	50,000 (11)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GROSS RICHARD W C/O AWARE INC 40 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE			Senior VP - Engineering	

BEDFORD, MA 01730

## Signatures

/s/ Richard W.  
Gross

05/22/2009

\_\_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) Vests in 8 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from June 30, 2009 through March 31, 2011 and is exercisable upon the date the reporting person ceases to be paid by Aware, Inc. for services or expiration, whichever is sooner.
- (2) Vests in 16 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from June 30, 2008 through March 31, 2012.
- (3) Vests in 16 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from March 31 2007 through December 31, 2010.
- (4) Vests in 16 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from March 31 2006 through December 31, 2009.
- (5) Vests in full on February 9, 2005.
- (6) 50% vests on September 8, 2004, the remaining 50% vests in 8 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, beginning as of December 31, 2004, until fully vested.
- (7) Vests in full on October 14, 2003.
- (8) 75% vests on October 14, 2003, the remaining 25% vests in 4 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, until fully vested.
- (9) 50% vests on October 14, 2003, the remaining 50% vests in 8 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, until fully vested.
- (10) 25% vests on October 14, 2003, the remaining 75% vests in 12 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, until fully vested.
- (11) Option received by reporting person in exchange for cancellation of one or more options on April 3, 2003 pursuant to issuer's option exchange program.

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