

CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SMARANDOIU GEORGE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC, 2975 STENDER WAY

(Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC [cats]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/16/2007

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)
 VP Product Design

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.15 | 03/16/2007 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | 80,000 | (1) 11/18/2013 | Common Stock | 80,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.35 | 03/16/2007 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 40,000 | (1) 03/16/2017 | Common Stock | 40,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMARANDOIU GEORGE C/O CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR INC 2975 STENDER WAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | VP Product Design | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas E. Gay III, as Attorney in Fact for George Smarandoiu 03/20/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The old option was originally granted on November 19, 2003 and provides for 12/48th of the shares (1) exercisable on November 19, 2004, with the remainder becoming exercisable in equal monthly installments over the next three years. The new option is granted at an exercise price of \$3.35 per share and provides for 1/36th of the shares vesting on April 16, 2007 and each one-month thereafter for so long as the reporting person remains a service provider of the Company.

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