

L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 LANZA FRANK C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 L 3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS INC [LLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, 600 THIRD AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/17/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10016

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/17/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		110,000	A	\$ 3.235
							3,325,542 <sup>(2)</sup> D
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		110,000	D	\$ 81.6933
							3,215,542 <sup>(2)</sup> D <sup>(3)</sup>

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
4/30/97 Stock Option	\$ 3.235	04/17/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	110,000	<sup>(4)</sup>	04/30/2007	Common Stock	110,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LANZA FRANK C C/O L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 600 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10016	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher C.  
Cambria

04/17/2006

\_\_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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected on behalf of the Reporting Person pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan as previously announced in a press release issued by the Issuer on February 3, 2006.
- (2) Does not include options held as of April 17, 2006 to purchase 1,648,572 shares of common stock, which options are exercisable within 60 days of April 17, 2006.
- (3) Represents weighted average selling price of 52 transactions executed on the same date.
- (4) On April 30, 1997, Mr. Lanza was granted options to purchase 2,285,714 shares of common stock, which options vested over a 3-year period from the date of issuance in increments of 761,905 shares of common stock per year.

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