EHREN JOHN J Form 4

February 25, 2010

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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 ** EHREN JOHN J	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KEY TECHNOLOGY INC [KTEC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					
C/O KEY TECHNOLOGY,	(Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2010	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify				
INC., 150 AVERY STREET		below) below) CFO & SVP				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
WALLA WALLA, WA 99362		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. D. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execu (Instr. 3) any	1	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial				

of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 262 (1) D 02/25/2010 F 54,833 D 12.95 Stock

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EHREN JOHN J C/O KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC. 150 AVERY STREET WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

CFO & SVP

Signatures

/s/ John J. Ehren 02/25/2010

**Signature of 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) Delivery of shares to Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with lapse of restriction on 802 shares of restricted stock.

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