RYAN PETER Form 4 November 18, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

RYAN PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4150 NETWORK CIRCLE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC. [JAVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2008

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) EVP, Global Sales and Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

D

Person

Securities

Owned Following

Reported

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(State)

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

Common 11/14/2008 Stock

674 D 198,201 (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.04					(2)	07/27/2014	Common Stock	20,000	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.32					(2)	11/02/2014	Common Stock	13,125	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20					(2)	11/14/2015	Common Stock	15,525	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RYAN PETER				
4150 NETWODY CIDCLE			EVD Global Salas and Sarvices	

4150 NETWORK CIRCLE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 EVP, Global Sales and Services

Signatures

/s/ Peter Ryan 11/17/2008

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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) This includes 197,188 shares of unvested restricted stock units.
- (2) This option vests and becomes exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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