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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 \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.  
 [JAVA]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4150 NETWORK CIRCLE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/16/2009

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

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  |   |  | Shares held by Michael E. Splain & Donna M. Splain JT/WROS |
| Common Stock                    | 11/16/2009                           |  | F                              | 620   | D \$ 8.67   | 86,123 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 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)

| 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) | 8. Price or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 36.56   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 03/19/2010   | 03/19/2010  | Common Stock   | 50                         |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 36.56   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 03/19/2010   | 03/19/2010  | Common Stock   | 3,750                      |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 14.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 07/25/2010   | 07/25/2010  | Common Stock   | 7,500                      |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 14.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 07/25/2010   | 07/25/2010  | Common Stock   | 11,250                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 16.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 05/21/2011   | 05/21/2011  | Common Stock   | 11,250                     |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 16.832  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2) 11/13/2011   | 11/13/2011  | Common Stock   | 11,250                     |

|                                      |          |            |            |              |        |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|--|
| (Right to Buy)                       |          |            |            |              |        |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15    | <u>(2)</u> | 05/18/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.76 | <u>(2)</u> | 09/17/2012 | Common Stock | 12,500 |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.4  | <u>(2)</u> | 11/10/2012 | Common Stock | 5,000  |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.48 | <u>(2)</u> | 01/27/2013 | Common Stock | 15,000 |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.4  | <u>(2)</u> | 07/28/2013 | Common Stock | 20,750 |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.32 | <u>(2)</u> | 11/02/2014 | Common Stock | 17,500 |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.56 | <u>(2)</u> | 01/31/2015 | Common Stock | 13,125 |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20    | <u>(2)</u> | 11/14/2015 | Common Stock | 15,525 |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Owners               |               |

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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4150 NETWORK CIRCLE  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

EVP, Microelectronics

## Signatures

/s/ Michael E.

Splain

11/16/2009

\_\_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) This includes 63,337 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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