

FRANCHINA GREGORY J
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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 *
FRANCHINA GREGORY J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SPARK NETWORKS,
INC., 8383 WILSHIRE BLVD.,
SUITE 800

(Street)

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SPARK NETWORKS INC [LOV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/05/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Information Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Am Underlying Sec |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | A N S |
| Employee Share Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.51 | 01/05/2009 | D | 275,000 | (1) | 06/01/2014 | Common Stock | 2 |
| Employee Share Option (right to buy) | \$ 3 | 01/05/2009 | A | 275,000 | (3) | 01/05/2016 | Common Stock | 2 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FRANCHINA GREGORY J C/O SPARK NETWORKS, INC. 8383 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 800 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211 | | | Chief Information Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Gregory
Franchina
01/06/2009
Date

**Signature of 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) The option provided for 25% of the options to vest on June 1, 2008 and 6.25% quarterly, thereafter.
On January 5, 2009 (the "Grant Date"), the issuer canceled, pursuant to the issuer's option exchange program, an option granted to the reporting person on June 1, 2007. In exchange, the reporting person received a replacement option on the Grant Date, for the same number of shares, having an exercise price of \$3.00 per share.
- (3) 107,525 of the options will vest on January 5, 2010 and the remaining options will vest monthly in equal installments until four (4) years after the Grant Date.

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