

SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.  
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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 \*  
 Splain Michael E

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)  
 07/28/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/28/2008		F <sup>(3)</sup>	201 D \$ 9.94	83,059 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					10,000	I	Shares held by Michael E. Splain & Donna M. Splain JT/WROS

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 Per Share Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 74.32					(2) 04/18/2009		Common Stock	2,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 65					(2) 06/13/2009		Common Stock	2,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.64					(2) 09/27/2009		Common Stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.36					(2) 11/07/2009		Common Stock	6,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.36					(2) 11/07/2009		Common Stock	6,250
Employee Stock Option	\$ 36.56					(2) 03/19/2010		Common Stock	50

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(Right to Buy)					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.56	<u>(2)</u>	03/19/2010	Common Stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.8	<u>(2)</u>	07/25/2010	Common Stock	7,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.8	<u>(2)</u>	07/25/2010	Common Stock	11,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8	<u>(2)</u>	05/21/2011	Common Stock	11,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.832	<u>(2)</u>	11/13/2011	Common Stock	11,250
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

Buy)					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.4	(2)	07/28/2013	Common Stock	20,750
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.32	(2)	11/02/2014	Common Stock	17,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.56	(2)	01/31/2015	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
Splain Michael E 4150 NETWORK CIRCLE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			EVP, Microelectronics	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael E.  
Splain 07/29/2008

\*\*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 562 shares of unvested restricted stock and 77,875 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.
- (3) This represents the surrender of shares to the issuer upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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