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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC [JCS] **SCHABER PATRICK** (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2012 **MURPHY** (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _ Officer _ Other Person MINNETONKA, MNÂ 55343 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One VP & GM JDL Technologies Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock (1) 1,626.396 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative Security	Security:	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	03/15/2013(2)	03/15/2019 Co	ommon	3,096	\$ 13.1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SCHABER PATRICK MURPHY 10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE MINNETONKA, MN 55343	Â	Â	VP & GM JDL Technologies	Â	

Signatures

Getey M. Ritchott, Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick
Schaber
03/18/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Acquired pursuant to Communications Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust.
- (2) Option vests as to 25% of the shares on the first four anniversaries of the date of grant.

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