

Zolfaghari Paul N  
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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 \*  
Zolfaghari Paul N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MICROSTRATEGY INC [MSTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Worldwide Sales & Ops

C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED, 1861 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE

(Street)

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

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

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2009		M	1,000	A	\$ 4.7	1,166	D
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2009		M	1,000	A	\$ 20.69	2,166	D
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2009		S	2,000	D	\$ 90	166	D
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2009		M	1,000	A	\$ 4.7	1,166	D

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Common  
Stock

Class A Common Stock	11/17/2009		M	1,000	A	\$ 20.69	2,166	D
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Class A Common Stock	11/17/2009		S	2,000	D	\$ 91	166 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.7	11/16/2009		M	1,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 07/26/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.69	11/16/2009		M	1,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/08/2013	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.7	11/17/2009		M	1,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 07/26/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock	\$ 20.69	11/17/2009		M	1,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/08/2013	Class A Common	1,000

Option  
(right to  
buy)

Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	
Zolfaghari Paul N C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED 1861 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22102			EVP, Worldwide Sales & Ops	

## Signatures

/s/ Paul N.  
Zolfaghari

11/18/2009

\_\_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) Separate open market sale transactions that were executed on 11/17/2009 at the same price have been reported on an aggregate basis on a single line in Table I.
- (2) Of the 1,000 shares exercised on 11/16/2009 pursuant to this stock option, 125 vested on 07/26/2005 and 875 vested on 07/26/2006. The remaining 3,250 shares subject to the stock option vested on 07/26/2006.
- (3) Of the 1,000 shares exercised on 11/16/2009 pursuant to this stock option, 750 vested on 02/08/2006 and 250 vested on 02/08/2007. Of the remaining 3,750 shares subject to the stock option, 1,750 shares vested on 02/08/2007 and 2,000 shares vested on 02/08/2008.
- (4) The 1,000 shares exercised on 11/17/2009 pursuant to this stock option vested on 07/26/2006. The remaining 2,250 shares subject to the stock option vested on 07/26/2006.
- (5) The 1,000 shares exercised on 11/17/2009 pursuant to this stock option vested on 02/08/2007. Of the remaining 2,750 shares subject to the stock option, 750 shares vested on 02/08/2007 and 2,000 shares vested on 02/08/2008.
- (6) See Exhibit A.

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