

FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LAPPING THOMAS J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC [JCS]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ GM JDL Tech.-subsidiary			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 8200 KINGSLEE RD			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2003			6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(Street) BLOOMINGTON, MN 55438			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						
(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2003		A	573.478	A	\$ 8.01	1,137.08	I	*ESOP (1)
Common Stock							105,001	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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.** SEC 2270 (9-02)

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 7.14	03/07/2003		A	7,200		09/07/2003	03/07/2008	Common Stock 7,200	\$ 7.14 (2)	7,200	I	Option (2)
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 8.48						09/11/2002	03/11/2007	Common Stock 6,900		6,900	I	Option (2)
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 8						09/05/2001	03/05/2006	Common Stock 6,720		6,720	I	Option (2)
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 16.875						10/10/2000	04/10/2005	Common Stock 9,600		9,600	I	Option (2)
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 10.063						03/12/1999	03/12/2004	Common Stock 10,005		10,005	I	Option (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

LAPPING THOMAS J 8200 KINGSLEE RD BLOOMINGTON, MN 55438			GM JDL Tech.-subsidiary	
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Signatures

Paul N. Hanson		03/10/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

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) Acquired pursuant to Communications Systems, Inc Employee Stock Ownership Plan & Trust.
- (2) Option granted under Communications Systems, Inc 1992 Stock Option Plan

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