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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 BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC [BHE] A Barrow Kenneth S (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person ANGLETON, TXÂ 77515 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One General Counsel 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 (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 8,500 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

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

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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	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	(1)	05/09/2016	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 28.1	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to buy)	(2)	11/15/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 26.84	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to buy)	(3)	12/05/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 17.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to buy)	(4)	12/10/2018	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 12.64	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Barrow Kenneth S 3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE ANGLETON, TX 77515	Â	Â	General Counsel	Â		

Signatures

Kenneth S.
Barrow

**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) The options are exercisable as to (i) 3,000 on May 9, 2008, (ii) 4,500 on May 9, 2009 and (ii) 7,500 on May 9, 2010.
- (2) The options are exercisable as to (i) 1,000 on November 15, 2008, (ii) 1,500 on November 15, 2009 and (ii) 2,500 on November 15, 2010.
- (3) The options are exercisable as to (i) 2,000 on December 5, 2009, (ii) 3,000 on December 5, 2010 and (ii) 5,000 on December 5, 2011.
- (4) The options are exercisable as to (i) 5,000 on December 10, 2010, (ii) 7,500 on December 10, 2011 and (iii) 12,500 on December 10, 2012

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