FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STERLING MARCIA K</u>							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AUTODESK INC</u> [ADSK]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 111 MCINNIS PARKWAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/25/2003								below)	(give title ? Gen. Counse		Other (specify below) I, Secretary	
(Street) SAN RAFAEL CA 94903 					- 4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D.					sactior	ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 5)		4. Securit Disposed	rities Acquired (A) o ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followin		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)		Ownership
								Code \	/	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			instr. 4)	
	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 Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s Illy J	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.45	09/25/2003			A		40,000		09/25/2004 ⁽¹) (09/25/2013	Common Stock	40,000	\$0	40,00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on September 25, 2004.

Kent Heinzman, Attorney-infact for Marcia K. Sterling

09/26/2003

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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