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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STERLING MARCIA K			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AUTODESK INC [ADSK]			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) Sr. VP Gen Counsel, Secretary		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2004			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(Street)	SAN RAFAEL CA 94903							
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/28/2004		M		3,750	A	\$12.72	15,041	D	
Common Stock	09/28/2004		M		10,000	A	\$17.45	25,041	D	
Common Stock	09/28/2004		S		13,750	D	\$48.0149	11,291	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.72	09/28/2004		M			3,750	09/26/2004 ⁽¹⁾	09/26/2012	Common Stock	3,750	\$0	7,498	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.45	09/28/2004		M			10,000	09/25/2004 ⁽²⁾	09/25/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	30,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The option vests over a 4-year period beginning on 09/26/2002 at the rate of 3750 shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries, and 3748 shares on the fourth anniversary.
- The option vests in four equal annual installments of 10000 shares each beginning on 9/25/03.

Nancy R. Thiel, Attorney-in-fact for Marcia K. Sterling 09/28/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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