FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BASS CARL       |   |            |                     |                            |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AUTODESK INC [ ADSK ] |              |                            |                             |                    |                              |                           |   | eck all applic<br>Directo  | able)<br>r  | g Person(s) to Issu<br>10% Ow   |  | /ner       |
|---|---|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|------------|
| (Last)  | st) (First) (Middle) MCINNIS PARKWAY                                  |            |                     |                            |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2004       |              |                            |                             |                    |                              |                           |   | below)   | Officer (give title below)  Sr Ex VP, Design Sol                  |   | Other (s<br>below)<br>lutions G            |            |
| (Street)  | reet)<br>AN RAFAEL CA 94903   |            |                     |                            | 4.                                      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)          |              |                            |                             |                    |                              |                           |   | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |   |  | 1          |
| (City)  | (S  | tate)      | (Zip)               |                            |   |   |              |                            |                             |                    |                              |                           |   | Persor   | Person  |   |  |            |
|   |   | Tal        | ble I - No          | n-Der                      | ivativ                                  | e Se  | curi         | ties A                     | cquire                      | d, Di              | sposed                       | of, or Be                 | neficial  | ly Owned   |   |   |  |            |
| Da  |   |            | Date                | ansaction<br>hth/Day/Year) |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)       |              | Transaction   Code (Instr. |                             | ı Disposed         | ties Acquir<br>d Of (D) (Ins | ed (A) or<br>tr. 3, 4 and | Benefici<br>Owned I                                 | es<br>ally<br>Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |            |
|   |   |            |                     |                            |   |   |              |                            | Code                        | v                  | Amount                       | Amount (A) or (D)         |   | Transac  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                    |   |  | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock  |   |            | 03/1                | 16/200                     | 6/2004                                  |   |              |                            |                             | 50,00              | 50,000 A                     |                           | 55  | 55,266   |   | D   |  |            |
| Common Stock  |   |            | 03/1                | 16/2004                    |   |   |              | М                          |                             | 18,74              | 9 A                          | \$14.7                    | 73 74   | ,015   |   | D   |  |            |
| Common Stock  |   | 03/1       | 16/2004             |                            |   |   | S            |                            | 68,74                       | 9 D                | \$27.9                       | 12 5,                     | 5,266   |  | D   |   |  |            |
|   |   |            | Table II -          |                            |   |   |              |                            |                             |                    | osed of                      |                           |   | Owned  |   |   |  |            |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | if any     | Deemed cution Date, |                            | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 5. Number of |                            | Exerci:<br>on Dat<br>Day/Ye |                    |                              |                           | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4)                 | e<br>s<br>Illy  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)      |            |
|   |   |            |                     |                            |   | v   |              |                            | Date<br>Exercis             | able               | Expiration<br>Date           | Title                     | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |   |   |  |            |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$22  | 03/16/2004 |                     |                            | M                                       |   |              | 50,000                     | 03/08/2                     | 003 <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/08/2012                   | Common<br>Stock           | 50,000  | \$0  | 145,45  | 55  | D  |            |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to         | \$14.73   | 03/16/2004 |                     |                            | M                                       |   |              | 18,749                     | 03/13/2                     | 004 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/13/2013                   | Common<br>Stock           | 18,749  | \$0  | 49,46   | 1   | D  |            |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vests over a 4-year period beginning on 03/08/2002 at the rate of 50000 on each of the first, second and third anniversaries, and 45455 on the fourth anniversary.
- 2. The option vests over a 4-year period beginning on 03/13/2003 at the rate of 18749 on each of the first and second anniversaries, 18750 on the third anniversary and 11962 on the fourth anniversary.

Nancy R. Thiel, Attorney-infact for Carl Bass

03/17/2004

\*\* 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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