

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 NORRIS ELWOOD G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/ [ATCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 15378 AVENUE OF SCIENCE,  
 SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/22/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/22/2008		P		10,000	A	\$ 1.86	3,845,515	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008		P		100	A	\$ 1.97	3,845,615	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008		P		214	A	\$ 1.98	3,845,829	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008		P		100	A	\$ 1.97	3,845,929	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008		P		1,700	A	\$ 1.98	3,847,629	I	By Family Trust

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Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	683	A	\$ 1.85	3,848,312	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	200	A	\$ 1.86	3,848,512	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	103	A	\$ 1.86	3,848,615	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	400	A	\$ 1.88	3,849,015	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	300	A	\$ 1.9	3,849,315	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	100	A	\$ 1.95	3,849,415	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	1,100	A	\$ 1.97	3,850,515	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	2,114	A	\$ 1.97	3,852,629	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 1.97	3,857,629	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	300	A	\$ 1.92	3,857,929	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	500	A	\$ 1.96	3,858,429	I	By Family Trust
Common Stock	05/22/2008	P	200	A	\$ 1.96	3,858,629	I	By Family Trust

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

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**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 (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)		Title		

Date	Expiration	Amount or Number of Shares
Exercisable	Date	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORRIS ELWOOD G 15378 AVENUE OF SCIENCE, SUITE 100 SAN DIEGO, CA 92128	X	X	Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Elwood G.  
Norris

05/23/2008

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

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