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SYMANTEC CORPORATION

3% Convertible Subordinated Notes Due November 1, 2006 and Shares of Common Stock Issuable Upon Conversion of the Notes

This prospectus supplement relates to the resale by the holders of our 3% convertible subordinated notes due November 1, 2006 and the shares of our common stock issuable upon the conversion of the notes. You should read this prospectus supplement in conjunction with the prospectus dated February 19, 2002, which is to be delivered with this prospectus supplement.

The information in the table appearing under the heading Selling Holders in the prospectus is amended by the addition of the information appearing in the table below:

	Principal			
	Amount of Notes	Common Stock		Common Stock
	Beneficially	Owned	Common	Owned After
	Owned and	Prior to the	Stock	Completion of
Name of Beneficial Owner	Offered	Offering(1)(2)	Offered(2)	the Offering
Aristeia Trading, LLC	\$ 2,880,000	84,358	84,358	
Conseco Fund Group Convertible Securities Fund	500,000	14,645	14,645	
Convertible Securities Fund	90,000	2,636	2,636	
Equity & Convertible Fund	710,000	20,796	20,796	
Equity Income Fund	90,000	2,636	2,636	
Nations Convertible Securities Fund	3,195,000	93,585	93,585	
Nations Equity Income Fund	655,000	19,185	19,185	
MSD TCB, L.P.	14,500,000	424,722	424,722	
Onex Industrial Partners	1,760,000	51,552	51,552	
Pebble Capital Inc.	610,000	17,867	17,867	
Silvercreek II Limited	750,000	21,968	21,968	
Silvercreek Limited Partnership	880,000	25,776	25,776	

(1) Includes common stock into which the notes are convertible.

(2) Assumes a

conversion

ratio of

29.2912

shares per

\$1,000

principal

amount of notes and a

cash

payment in

lieu of any

fractional

interest.

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Investing in our common stock or the notes involves a high degree of risk. Please carefully consider the Risk Factors beginning on page 3 of the prospectus, as well as the Risk Factors section included in our recent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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The date of this prospectus supplement is April 5, 2002.