# EARTHLINK INC

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# FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| CIK | 0001102541 |
| Symbol | ELNK |
| SIC Code | 7370 - Computer Programming, Data Processing, And |
| Industry | Computer Services |
| Sector | Technology |
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
|---|---|---|
| **DESIMONE SAMUEL R JR**<br>(Last) (First) (Middle) | **EARTHLINK INC [ ELNK ]** | _____ Director _____ 10% Owner<br>__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) |
| **C/O EARTHLINK INC, 1375 PEACHTREE STREET**<br>(Street) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)<br>**7/21/2008** | **Executive VP, General Counsel** |
| **ATLANTA, GA 30309**<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br>_ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>___ 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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** (1) | **7/21/2008** | | **M** | | **2500** | **A** | (1) | **10943** | **D** | |
| **Common Stock** (2) | **7/21/2008** | | **F** | | **811** | **D** | (2) | **10132** | **D** | |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( *e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| **Restricted Stock Units** (1) | (1) | **7/21/2008** | | **M** | | | **2500** | **7/21/2008** | **7/21/2014** | **Common Stock** | **2500** | (1) | **723000** (3) | **D** | |

**Explanation of Responses:**

**( 1)** Vested Restricted Stock Units were converted and distributed to the Reporting Person, without payment, in shares of Common Stock on a unit-for-share basis.

**( 2)** Shares deemed surrendered in payment of tax liability resulting from vesting of Restricted Stock Units.

**( 3)** Includes options to purchase 553,000 shares of common stock and 170,000 Restricted Stock Units.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| **DESIMONE SAMUEL R JR**<br>**C/O EARTHLINK INC** | | | **Executive VP, General Counsel** | |

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| **1375 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30309** | | | | |

**Signatures**

**/s/ Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.** **7/22/2008**

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

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

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