

DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Jamal Hanif I

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP  
 [HILL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2200 FARADAY, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/27/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

CARLSBAD, CA 92008  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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  | (D)  | Price                             |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|------|
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| (Instr. 3)                  | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) |     | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                             |                              |                  |            | (A)                             | (D) |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.57                      | 02/27/2007       | A          | 75,000                          |     | (1)              | 02/26/2017      | Common Stock | 75,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.57                      | 02/27/2007       | A          | 41,250                          |     | (2)              | 02/26/2017      | Common Stock | 41,250                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Jamal Hanif I<br>2200 FARADAY<br>SUITE 100<br>CARLSBAD, CA 92008 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ DEBORAH WEAVER,  
attorney-in-fact

02/28/2007

\_\_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).
- (1) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on February 27, 2008. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following three years.
- (2) The shares subject to the option shall vest in accordance with certain performance milestones set forth in the Issuer's 2007 Executive Compensation Plan.

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