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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
 See Instruction 1(b)

Person* (A	l Address of Re Last, First, Midd ON, JOHN W	. 0	2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SYMANTEC CORPORATION (SYMC)	3.	Person, if an entity (Voluntary)					
	EC CORPORA EVENS CREEK		4.	Statement for (Month/Day/Year) JANUARY 21, 2003	5.						
	(Street)		6.	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)	7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
CUPERTINO, CA 95014			_	O Director O 10% Owner		þ	Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		b Officer (give title below)o Other (specify below)		0	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
				O Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT			1 015011				

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).

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1.	Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.	Transaction Date (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>)	2a.	Deemed Execution Date, if any. (Month/Day/Year)	3.	Transaction4. Code (Instr. 8)	Securities A or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 d	l of ((D)	(A)	5.	Amount of 6 Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7.	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Code V	Amount	(A 0 (E	r	Price					
	COMMON STOCK		1/21/03				М	100,000	A	A	6.500					
	COMMON STOCK		1/21/03				S	35,000	Γ)	45.250					
	COMMON STOCK		1/21/03				S	25,000	Ε)	45.210					
	COMMON STOCK		1/21/03				S	20,000	Γ)	45.180					
	COMMON STOCK		1/21/03				S	20,000	Γ)	45.230					
	COMMON STOCK		1/21/03				F	924	Γ)	45.0500					
	COMMON STOCK		1/21/03				K	6,410	A	A	6.500		253,641	D		

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 (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>)	3a.	Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction 5. Code (Instr. 8)		Number o Securities Acquired (D) (Instr. 3, 4	-	
								Code V		(A)	(D)	
OPTION TO BUY STOCK		6.500		1/21/03				М			D	
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	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7.	Title and An of Underlyin (Instr. 3 and	ying Securities		Price of 9. Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	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 Ownershi (Instr. 4)
	Date Expiration Exercisable Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
			COMMON	100,000							
			COMMON	6,410			3,100,002		D		
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Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) Continued

Explanation of Responses:

M- EXERCISE OR CONVERSION OF DERIVATIVE SECURITY EXEMPTED PURSUANT TO RULE 16b3

F--PAYMENT OF EXERCISE PRICE OR TAX LIABILITY BY DELIVERING OR WITHHOLDING SECURITIES INCIDENT TO THE RECEIPT, EXERCISE OR VESTING OF A SECURITY ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16b3

S--OPEN MARKET OR PRIVATE SALE OF NON-DERIVATIVE OR DERIVATIVE SECURITY

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K- SALE OF SHARES FOR SWAP OF OPTIONS

/s/ JOHN W. THOMPSON

JANUARY 21, 2003

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

** 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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