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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **IWATA JON C**

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

IBM CORPORATION, ONE NEW ORCHARD ROAD

(Street)

(First)

05/06/2010

below) Senior Vice President

X_ Officer (give title

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ARMONK, NY 10504

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Derivative Conversion

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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Year) | (Instr. 3 and | 4) | Security (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock Unit | \$ 0 (1) | 05/06/2010 | | A(2) | 26 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 26 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

IWATA JON C
IBM CORPORATION
ONE NEW ORCHARD ROAD
ARMONK, NY 10504

Senior
Vice
President

Signatures

M. SooHoo on behalf of J. C.

Iwata 05/07/2010

**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) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (3) Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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