

Ward Peter
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Ward Peter

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

06/23/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ESSEX CORP [KEYW]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Vice President

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

C/O ESSEX
CORPORATION, 6708
ALEXANDER BELL DRIVE

(Street)

COLUMBIA, MD 21046

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date
Exercisable

Expiration
Date

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or
Number of

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options (NSO04) (1)	Â (1)	05/16/2013	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 17.36	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ward Peter C/O ESSEX CORPORATION 6708 ALEXANDER BELL DRIVE COLUMBIA, MD 21046	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

Peter Ward	06/23/2006
Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 5,000 exercisable 5/17/2007, 5,000 exercisable 5/17/2008, 5,000 exercisable 5/17/2009, 5,000 exercisable 5/17/2010 and 5,000 exercisable 5/17/2011

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