

SOUTHWALL TECHNOLOGIES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                              |  |
| Â NEEDHAM GROUP, INC.                     |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | SOUTHWALL TECHNOLOGIES INC /DE/ [SWTX]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 08/23/2006  |  |
| 445 PARK AVENUE                           |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)  |  |
| NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10022                    |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 2,009,807 <sup>(1)</sup>                              | D  | Â   |

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) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

Shares (I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NEEDHAM GROUP, INC.<br>445 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

The Needham Group, Inc., By: /s/ Glen W. Albanese, Managing Director

04/18/2007

\_\_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).

The reported shares are owned by The Needham Group, Inc which is a member of a "group" with Needham Capital Partners III, L.P.,

(1) Needham Capital Partners II (Bermuda), L.P., Needham Capital Partners IIIA, L.P., Needham Capital Partners III (Bermuda), L.P., Needham Capital Partners II, L.P. and George A. Needham, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act.

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