

3COM CORP  
 Form 3  
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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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â HAMILTON JAMES A			(Month/Day/Year)	3COM CORP [COMS]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/02/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
350 CAMPUS DRIVE				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				___ Director ___ 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
MARLBOROUGH,Â MAÂ 01752-3064				<u> X </u> Officer ___ Other (specify below)	<u> X </u> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		SVP & Pres, TippingPoint Div	___ 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	25,000 <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)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	02/01/2012	Common Stock 50,000 \$ 3.65	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAMILTON JAMES A 350 CAMPUS DRIVE MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064	Â	Â	Â SVP & Pres, TippingPoint Div	Â

## Signatures

James A. Hamilton 11/04/2005

\_\_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) Non-Derivative shares were awarded pursuant to 3Com Corporation's 2003 Stock Plan. These shares cannot be sold until vesting requirements have been met.
- (2) Shares granted become exercisable in equal installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.

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