

NORRIS ELWOOD G

Form 4

December 10, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NORRIS ELWOOD G

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY
CORP /DE/ [ATCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
15378 AVENUE OF SCIENCE,
SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2008

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
Chairman)

(Street)

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

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		S	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 0.48	12/08/2008	A		30,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/08/2013	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORRIS ELWOOD G 15378 AVENUE OF SCIENCE, SUITE 100 SAN DIEGO, CA 92128	X	X	Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Katherine H. McDermott,
Attorney-in-fact

12/10/2008

****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) Grant to reporting person on December 8, 2008 of an option to purchase 30,000 shares. The option vests as to 1/3 of the shares on the date of grant and 1/12 quarterly thereafter until fully vested.

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