

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Hickey, James Gregory			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Photronics, Inc. (PLAB)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
						<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1061 East Indiantown Road			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Vice President and Treasurer	
						<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Street) Jupiter, Florida 33477			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year December 9, 2002			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(City) (State) (Zip)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I ¾ 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)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. *If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued)	Table II ¾ Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr.8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.930	12/9/02		A		14,952		(1)	12/9/12	Common Stock	14,952		14,952	(D)	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests in equal installments as follows: one-third on the grant date specified in Column 3; one-third on the first anniversary of the grant date; one-third on the second anniversary of the grant date.

By: /s/ James Gregory Hickey

December 10, 2002

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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