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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Nielsen Tod

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/05/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VMWARE, INC. [VMW]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3401 HILLVIEW AVE

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

10% Owner

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Operating Officer

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

PALO ALTO, CAÂ 94304

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(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)

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

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Derivative

Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

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

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

Amount or Title Number of Shares

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nielsen Tod

3401 HILLVIEW AVE Chief Operating Officer PALO ALTO, CAÂ 94304

Signatures

Larry Wainblat, attorney-in-fact 01/08/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* 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).

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Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

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