

LUNA INNOVATIONS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Messick Dale E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LUNA INNOVATIONS INC
 [LUNA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O LUNA INNOVATIONS
 INCORPORATED, 2851
 COMMERCE STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/29/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

(Street)
 BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.47	08/29/2006		A	150,000	(1) 08/29/2016	Common Stock	150,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Messick Dale E C/O LUNA INNOVATIONS INCORPORATED 2851 COMMERCE STREET BLACKSBURG, VA 24060			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Aaron S. Hullman, attorney-in-fact for Dale E. Messick

08/31/2006

__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) Such options become exercisable as follows: 25% on the one year anniversary of the transaction date and the remaining 75% of the option shares pro-rata on a monthly basis for 36 months thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person continuing to be a Service Provider on such vesting dates. Vesting of options is subject to acceleration upon death of the Reporting Person or upon certain events as set forth in the Reporting Person's employment agreement with the Issuer.

(2) Not applicable.

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