

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2007

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

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)**

| 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 |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities  |         | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4)    |                    |                 |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|---------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|                                      |   |                         |                    | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) |         |                  |                     |                    |                 |                                  |
|                                      |   |                         | Code               | V   | (A)     | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>buy) | \$ 4.37   | 02/16/2007              | A                  |   | 150,000 |                  | <u>(1)</u>          | 02/16/2012         | Common<br>Stock | 150,000                          |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Karen Jordan,  
Attorney-in-fact  
02/20/2007

\*\*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 February 16, 2007 of an option to purchase 150,000 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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