FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| STATEMENT | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ADAPTEC INC [ADPT] STEEL PARTNERS II LP Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 12/16/2009 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person **NEW YORK** NY 10022 Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction Execution Date. Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) if any Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Following Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) $D^{(2)(3)}$ Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value 12/16/2009 P⁽¹⁾ 2,600 A \$3.25 23,469,843 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security Conversion Execution Date Transaction Amount of Derivative derivative Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Derivative or Exercise if any Code (Instr. Securities Security Securities Form: Beneficial (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) Securities Underlying (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 4) Derivative Acquired Derivative Owned or Indirect (A) or Disposed Following Reported (I) (Instr. 4) Security Security (Instr. 3 and 4) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Amount Number Date Expiration (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title Shares

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STEEL PARTNERS II LP | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR | | | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YO | ORK | NY | 10022 | | | |
| (City) | | (State) | (Zip) | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Steel Partners LLC | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LICHTENSTEIN WARREN G | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STEEL PARTNERS II GP LLC</u> | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The transaction reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Purchase Trading Plan Agreement adopted by Steel Partners II, L.P.
- 2. This Form 4 is filed jointly by Steel Partners II, L.P. ("Steel Partners II"), Steel Partners Holdings L.P. ("Steel Holdings"), Steel Partners LLC ("Partners LLC"), Steel Partners II GP LLC ("Steel Partners II") GP") and Warren G. Lichtenstein. Steel Holdings, Partners LLC, Steel Partners GP and Mr. Lichtenstein may be deemed to be 10% owners of the Issuer and Steel Partners II is a 10% owner of the Issuer.
- 3. The securities reported in this Form 4 are owned directly by Steel Partners II, and owned indirectly by Steel Holdings by virtue of it being the sole limited partner of Steel Partners II, by Partners LLC by virtue of it being the manager of Steel Partners II and Steel Holdings, by Steel Partners GP by virtue of it being the general partner of Steel Partners II and Steel Holdings and by Mr. Lichtenstein by virtue of his position as the manager of Partners LLC and the managing member of Steel Partners GP. Steel Holdings, Partners LLC, Steel Partners GP and Mr. Lichtenstein disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Steel Partners II except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

By: Steel Partners II, L.P., By: Steel Partners II GP LLC,

General Partner, By: /s/

Sanford Antignas, as Attorney 12/18/2009

in Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein, Managing

Member

By: Steel Partners LLC, By: /s/

Sanford Antignas, as Attorney 12/18/2009 In Fact for Warren G.

Lichtenstein, Manager

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas, as

Attorney in Fact for Warren G. 12/18/2009

Lichtenstein

By: Steel Partners Holdings

L.P., By: Steel Partners II GP

LLC, General Partner, By: /s/

Sanford Antignas as Attorney 12/18/2009

In Fact for Warren G.

Lichtenstein, Managing

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC,

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas, as

Attorney In Fact for Warren G. 12/18/2009

Lichtenstein, Managing

Member

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- ** 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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