### **COGNEX CORP**

Form 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* SHILLMAN ROBERT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

COGNEX CORP [CGNX]

(Check all applicable)

**CEO** 

(First)

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

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

COGNEX CORPORATION, ONE VISION DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2009

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NATICK, MA 01760

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amor Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Secur Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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| (Instr. 3)                                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     |                    |                 |                        |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|   |                                    |            |                  | Code V     | (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Am<br>or<br>Nu<br>of S |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 24.66                           | 12/15/2009 |                  | D          | 39,200   | 01/01/2002          | 06/25/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 39                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 25.02                           | 12/15/2009 |                  | D          | 50,000   | 01/01/2009          | 01/10/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 50                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 29.35                           | 12/15/2009 |                  | D          | 5,000  | 07/22/2005          | 07/22/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 5,                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 29.38                           | 12/15/2009 |                  | D          | 47,500   | 12/15/2009          | 01/30/2016         | Common<br>Stock | 47                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 30.813                          | 12/15/2009 |                  | D          | 35,000   | 04/27/2004          | 12/14/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 35                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 31.94                           | 12/15/2009 |                  | D          | 50,000   | 01/01/2008          | 02/25/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 50                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 31.94                           | 12/15/2009 |                  | D          | 65,000   | 01/01/2005          | 02/25/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 65                     |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Transfer and an area are  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| SHILLMAN ROBERT J<br>COGNEX CORPORATION<br>ONE VISION DRIVE<br>NATICK, MA 01760 | X             |           | СЕО     |       |  |  |

# **Signatures**

Robert J.
Shillman 12/17/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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