

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCHABER PATRICK MURPHY (Last) (First) (Middle) 10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE (Street) MINNETONKA, MN 55343 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC [JCS]		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP & GM JDL Technologies		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	1,626.396	D	

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 Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	03/15/2013 ⁽²⁾	03/15/2019	Common Stock	3,096	\$ 13.1	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHABER PATRICK MURPHY 10900 RED CIRCLE DRIVE MINNETONKA, MN 55343			VP & GM JDL Technologies	

Signatures

Getey M. Ritchott, Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick Schaber	03/18/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

- (1) Acquired pursuant to Communications Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust.
- (2) Option vests as to 25% of the shares on the first four anniversaries of the date of grant.

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