

FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Gupta, Ram 46939 Bayside Parkway Fremont CA 94538 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VA Software Corporation [Inux] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2004 | |
| | 4. 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
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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).

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Form 4 (cont.)
 Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Gupta, Ram
 46939 Bayside Parkway
 Fremont CA 94538

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VA Software Corporation [Inux]

Period Of Report
 12/08/2004

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. No. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. No. of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.85 | 12/08/2004 | | A | | 20,000 | | 12/08/2004 (1) | 12/08/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$0 | 20,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) - This Option vests one fourth (1/4th) of the subject shares beginning on 12/8/04 and as to one thirty sixth (1/36th) of the remaining shares each succeeding month thereafter.

By:/s/ Jay Seirmarco, by Power of Attorney
 **Signature of Reporting Person

12/9/2004
 Date

**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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