

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Townsley John</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>125 TECHNOLOGY PARK</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>LAKE MARY FL 32746</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/14/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FARO TECHNOLOGIES INC [FARO]</u> <hr/> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior VP Human Resources</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)
<u>Common Stock</u>	0	D	

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: 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			
<u>Employee Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>05/14/2008</u>	<u>05/14/2017</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>33.21</u>	<u>D⁽¹⁾</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>03/12/2009</u>	<u>03/12/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>7,400</u>	<u>31.06</u>	<u>D⁽²⁾</u>	
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>03/12/2009</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>D⁽³⁾</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option was granted to reporting person under the Issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 14, 2008.
2. The option was granted to reporting person under the Issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2009.
3. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. The restricted stock units were granted pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year from grant, subject to the satisfaction of other conditions.

/s/ Steven Vazquez as

Attorney-In-Fact for John

Townsley

04/16/2008

** 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 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints STEVEN W. VAZQUEZ and KEITH BAIR as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, to:

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules promulgated thereunder;
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Form 3, 4 and 5 and the timely filing of such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as such attorney-in-fact might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed effective as of this 11th day of April, 2008.

/s/ John Townsley
Printed Name: JOHN TOWNSLEY