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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MOSS ROBERT E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>5960 HEISLEY ROAD</u> (Street) <u>MENTOR OH 44060</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STERIS CORP [STE]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>V P, and Grp Pres, Isomedix</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/20/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of 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 (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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			
Common Shares, No Par Value	02/20/2004		M		5,000	A	\$9.6875	5,000	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value	02/20/2004		S		4,500	D	\$25	500	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value	02/20/2004		S		500	D	\$25.06	0	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value	02/20/2004		M		5,400	A	\$9	5,400	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value	02/20/2004		S		5,400	D	\$25.25	0	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value								14,470	I	Moss Family Trust. See Footnote 2. ⁽¹⁾

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 (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$9.6875	02/20/2004		M			5,000	(2)	02/05/2010	Common Shares, without par value	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$9	02/20/2004		M			5,400	(3)	05/05/2010	Common Shares, without par value	\$0	1,800	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This indirect ownership by Mr. Moss is through the Moss Family Trust, Robert E. Moss and Patricia J. Moss as Co-Trustees, Dated May 24, 1999.
- The dates these stock options became exercisable are as follows: 1,250 on January 5, 2001; 1,250 on January 5, 2002; 1,250 on January 5, 2003; and 1,250 on January 5, 2004.
- The dates these stock options became exercisable are as follows: 1,800 on April 28, 2001; 1,800 on April 28, 2002; and 1,800 on April 28, 2003.

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney

** 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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