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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre | ess of Reporting Person VILLIAM L | on* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STERIS CORP</u> [STE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) 5960 HEISLEY | ast) (First) (Middle) 060 HEISLEY ROAD | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/31/2011 | X | Officer (give title below) V P - Corporate T | Other (specify below) easurer | | | |
| (Street) MENTOR OH 44060 | | 44060 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Person | enerroperang | | | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Shares, No Par Value | 05/31/2011 | | A | | 2,000 | A | \$ <u>0</u> | 10,425 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares, No Par Value | | | | | | | | 500 | Ι | See Footnote Below. ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Shares, No Par Value | | | | | | | | 634 | I | See Footnote Below. ⁽³⁾ |

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

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|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Option to Purchase Common Shares | \$36.09 | 05/31/2011 | | A | | 8,000 | | (4) | 05/31/2021 | Common Shares, No Par Value | 8,000 | \$0 | 8,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 6,680 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 2,000 on May 21, 2012, 2,680 on May 20, 2014, 500 on May 31, 2012, 500 on May 31, 2013, 500 on June 2, 2014 and 500 on June 1, 2015.

2. This represents an investment by Mr. Aamoth in his Vanguard William L. Aamoth - Rollover IRA Brokerage Account.

3. This represents 648.470 units of the STERIS Corporation 401(k) Plan STERIS Stock Fund which equals 634 Common share equivalents as of May 31, 2011.

4. These options become exercisable as follows: 2,000 on May 31, 2012, 2,000 on May 31, 2013, 2,000 on May 31, 2014 and 2,000 on May 31, 2015.

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized

Representative under Power of 06/02/2011

<u>Attorney</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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