Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VINNEY LES C</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERIS CORP [STE] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|--|--|----------------|---|-------|--|----------|---|--|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5960 HEISLEY ROAD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/12/2006 | | | | | | | | X | below) | (give title Presiden | t and | Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Street) MENTO (City) | | | 44060 (Zip) | | 4. 11 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) X | lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person 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. Trans: Date (Month/L | | | | Execution Date, | | | Code (li | ansaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 2) | | ed (A) o str. 3, 4 | 4 and Securiti Benefic | | s ally following | Form (D) o | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Pri | се | Transact (Instr. 3 | ion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative Conversion Date | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution I | | | 5. Numl of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (I 3, 4 and | | ive ies ed ed nstr. | 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. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transactie (Instr. 4) | e C s F ally C g (| 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisabl | | expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | oer | | | | | |
| Option to Purchase Common Shares | \$24.72 | 09/12/2006 | | | A | | 62,500 | | (1) | 0 | 5/31/2014 | Common Shares, No Par Value | 62,5 | 00 | \$0 | 62,50 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

 $1.\ These\ options\ become\ exercisable\ in\ 25\%\ increments\ on\ September\ 7,\ 2007,\ September\ 7,\ 2008,\ September\ 7,\ 2009\ and\ September\ 7,\ 2010.$

<u>Dennis P. Patton, Authorized</u> <u>Representative under Power of 09/13/2006</u> <u>Attorney</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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