FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Breeden Richard C						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) C/O BREEDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMEI 100 NORTHFIELD STREET			<b>,</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2009								Offi belo			her (spe low)	ecify		
(Street) GREENWICH CT 06830					4. If									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(5	itate)	(Zip)																
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an 5)			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)					4)
Common Shares, No Par Value 01/28/200					009	)			A		1,400(1)	A	\$26.78	3,594(2)			D		
Common Shares, No Par Value														5,067,321			I See footno		otes <sup>(3)(4)</sup>
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)	re Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			4. Transa Code ( 8)	(Instr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numl derivati Securit Benefic Owned Followi Reporte Transac (Instr. 4	ive ies cially ng ed ction(s)	10. Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	hip of Be D) Ow	. Nature Indirect eneficial wnership nstr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Pursuant to the governing documents of Breeden Partners L.P., Breeden Partners (California) L.P., Breeden Partners (California) II L.P., Breeden Partners Holdco Ltd. and Breeden Partners (Cayman) Ltd. (the "Funds"), any profits realized with respect to these shares will be apportioned among the Funds.
- 2. 1,097 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these 1,097 Common Shares lapse on February 2, 2009. Pursuant to the governing documents of the Funds, any profits realized with respect to these shares will be apportioned among the Funds.
- 3. Richard C. Breeden is the managing member of Breeden Capital Partners LLC, managing member and chairman and chief executive officer of Breeden Capital Management LLC and the Key Principal of Breeden Partners (Cayman) Ltd. Breeden Capital Partners LLC is in turn the general partner of Breeden Partners L.P., Breeden Partners (California) L.P. and Breeden Partners (California) II L.P.
- 4. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Mr. Breeden in his capacity as managing member, as well as chairman and chief executive officer of Breeden Capital Management LLC, may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of the Common Shares owned by the Funds; however, he disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ Richard C. Breeden

01/30/2009

\*\* 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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