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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * REIS GERARD J (Last) (First) (Middle) 5960 HEISLEY ROAD (Street) MENTOR OH 44060 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERIS CORP [STE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. VP, Govt. & Administration
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2008	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	09/09/2008		M		4,100	A	\$19.6	22,500	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value	09/09/2008		s ⁽¹⁾		4,100	D	\$38.1278	18,400	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value	09/09/2008		M		24,700	A	\$19.6	43,100	D	
Common Shares, No Par Value	09/09/2008		s ⁽²⁾		24,700	D	\$38.6019	18,400 ⁽³⁾	D	

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						Title
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$19.6	09/09/2008		M			28,800	(4)	05/23/2012	Common Shares, No Par Value	28,800	\$0	300	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This open market sale of a total of 4,100 Common Shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on August 27, 2008.
2. This open market sale of a total of 24,700 Common Shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on August 27, 2008.
3. 8,000 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 4,000 on September 7, 2009 and 4,000 on July 27, 2010.
4. These options became exercisable as follows: 6,600 on April 23, 2003, 7,500 on April 23, 2004, 7,500 on April 23, 2005 and 7,200 on April 23, 2006.

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 09/09/2008

** 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 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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