

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * REIS GERARD J			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 X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr V P & Grp President, D& I		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2003			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
5960 HEISLEY ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) MENTOR OH 44060								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

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, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		5,000	A	\$9.5625	5,400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		5,000	D	\$22.05	400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		4,300	A	\$9.5625	4,700	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		4,300	D	\$22.07	400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		700	A	\$9.5625	1,100	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		700	D	\$22.08	400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		2,000	A	\$9.5625	2,400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		2,000	D	\$22.09	400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		20,000	A	\$13.3438	20,400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		20,000	D	\$22.09	400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		20,400	A	\$9.6875	20,800	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		20,400	D	\$22.09	400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		2,100	A	\$9.6875	2,500	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		2,100	D	\$22.1	400	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		M		18,750	A	\$9	19,150	D	
Common Shares, without Par Value	12/09/2003		S		18,750	D	\$22.1	400	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					
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$9.5625	12/09/2003		M			12,000	(1)	05/19/2005	Common Shares, without Par Value	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$13.3438	12/09/2003		M			20,000	(2)	08/08/2006	Common Shares, without Par Value	\$0	0	D	

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$9.6875	12/09/2003		M			22,500	(3)	02/05/2010	Common Shares, without Par Value	22,500	\$0	7,500	D	
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$9	12/09/2003		M			18,750	(4)	05/28/2010	Common Shares, without Par Value	18,750	\$0	6,250	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The dates these stock options became exercisable are as follows: 2,000 on April 19, 1997; 5,000 on April 19, 1998; and 5,000 on April 19, 1999.
- The dates these stock options became exercisable are as follows: 5,000 on July 8, 1997; 5,000 on July 8, 1998; 5,000 on July 8, 1999; and 5,000 on July 8, 2000.
- The dates these stock options became exercisable are as follows: 7,500 on January 5, 2001; 7,500 on January 5, 2002; and 7,500 on January 5, 2003.
- The dates these stock options became exercisable are as follows: 6,250 on April 28, 2001; 6,250 on April 28, 2002; and 6,250 on April 28, 2003.

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized
Representative under Power of 12/09/2003
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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