FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Johnson David Allen	2. Date of Event Requiring States (Month/Day/Yea 07/26/2012	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  STERIS CORP [ STE ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5960 HEISLEY ROAD	0772072012		Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable)     Director	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
		X Officer (give title Other (specify below)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
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(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ct (D) (I	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Shares, No Par Value			13,900(1)	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securiti Underlying Derivative Security	y (Instr. 4) Conve		se Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivati Security	ve or Indii	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Purchase Common Shares	(2)	05/20/2020	Common Shares, No Par Value	7,500	31.8	7 D		
Option to Purchase Common Shares	(3)	05/31/2021	Common Shares, No Par Value	11,000	36.0	9 D		
Option to Purchase Common Shares	(4)	05/30/2022	Common Shares, No Par Value	10,000	29.9	4 D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. All 13,900 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 4,000 on April 26, 2013, 2,700 on May 20, 2014, 3,700 on June 1, 2015 and 3,500 on May 31,
- 2. These options became or will become exercisable as follows: 1,875 on May 20, 2011, 1,875 on May 20, 2012, 1,875 on May 20, 2013 and 1,875 on May 20, 2014.
- 3. These options became or will become exercisable as follows: 2,750 on May 31, 2012, 2,750 on May 31, 2013, 2,750 on May 31, 2014 and 2,750 on May 31, 2015.
- 4. These options become exercisable as follows: 2,500 on May 30, 2013, 2,500 on May 30, 2014, 2,500 on May 30, 2015 and 2,500 on May 30, 2016.

/s/ Dennis P. Patton, 08/02/2012 <u>Authorized Representative</u> under Power of Attorney

\*\* 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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