

INVITROGEN CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COTTINGHAM JOHN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5791 VAN ALLEN WAY
 (Street)

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INVITROGEN CORP [IVGN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | Code | V | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | An or Nu of |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----|--------|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | (A) | (D) | | | | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options <u>(1)</u> | \$ 93.7 | 05/15/2008 | 05/15/2008 | A | V | 13,447 | | 05/15/2009 | 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 13 |
| Restricted Stock Unites <u>(2)</u> | \$ 0 | 05/15/2008 | 05/15/2008 | A | V | 1,494 | | 05/15/2009 | 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Performance Shares <u>(3)</u> | \$ 0 | 05/15/2008 | 05/15/2008 | A | V | 1,494 | | 05/15/2009 | 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COTTINGHAM JOHN A 5791 VAN ALLEN WAY CARLSBAD, CA 92008 | | | SVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Joseph W. Secondine.
Jr POA

05/19/2008

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Option grant # F080315.
- (2) Option grant # F080679.
- (3) Option grant # F080666.

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