

STERIS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**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]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/10/2008**

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)  
**Sr. VP, Govt. & Administration**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 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) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |
| Common Shares, No Par Value     | 09/10/2008                           |  | M                              | 300   | A   | \$ 19.6  | 18,700  | D |
| Common Shares, No Par Value     | 09/10/2008                           |  | M                              | 2,900   | A   | \$ 22.58   | 21,600  | D |
| Common Shares, No Par Value     | 09/10/2008                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 3,200   | D   | \$ 38.5528   | 18,400 <sup>(2)</sup>                                 | D |

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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                             |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                       | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option Exercise             | \$ 19.6  | 09/10/2008                           |  | M                              | 300   | 04/23/2006   | 05/23/2012  | Common Shares, No Par Value | 300                        |
| Employee Stock Option Exercise             | \$ 22.58   | 09/10/2008                           |  | M                              | 2,900   | 04/23/2004   | 05/23/2013  | Common Shares, No Par Value | 2,900                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| REIS GERARD J<br>5960 HEISLEY ROAD<br>MENTOR, OH 44060 |               |           | Sr. VP, Govt. & Administration |       |

## Signatures

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 09/10/2008

\_\_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) This open market sale of a total of 3,200 Common Shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on August 27, 2008.

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- (2) 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.

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