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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Steckel Ronald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

IRIDEX CORP [IRIX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

1212 TERRA BELLA AVENUE

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

04/16/2012

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

below) VP, Operations

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5,000

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 04/16/2012 Stock

5,000 A A \$0 (1)

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option Right to Buy (2)	\$ 3.99	04/16/2012		A	50,000	04/16/2013(3)	04/16/2019	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. Programme and the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Steckel Ronald 1212 TERRA BELLA AVENUE MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043			VP, Operations			

Signatures

/s/ Susan Bruce, Attorney-in-Fact for Ronald Steckel 04/17/2012

**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) Shares are represented by restricted stock units and will vest annually over a 4 year period.
- (2) This option was granted pursuant to IRIDEX Corporation's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan and is exempt to Rule 16b-3.
- (3) The shares shall vest as follows: 12/48ths of the shares shall vest 12 months after the Vesting Commencement Date and 1/48th of the shares shall vest each month thereafter.

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