

CANAKES STEVEN P  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 CANAKES STEVEN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5850 OPUS PARKWAY, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 VITAL IMAGES INC [VTAL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/18/2006

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)  
 Exec VP - Global Sales

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/18/2006		M	4,318 A \$ 4.75	10,318	D	
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/18/2006		S	4,318 D \$ 28	6,000	D	
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/19/2006		M	682 A \$ 4.75	6,682	D	
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/19/2006		S	682 D \$ 28	6,000	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4.75	01/18/2006		M	4,318	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/12/2007	Common stock	4,318
Employee stock option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4.75	01/19/2006		M	682	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/12/2007	Common stock	682

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CANAKES STEVEN P 5850 OPUS PARKWAY SUITE 300 MINNETONKA, MN 55343			Exec VP - Global Sales	

## Signatures

Steven P  
Canakes

01/20/2006

\*\*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) Transaction made pursuant to plan adopted under Rule 10b5-1.

(2) Vested as to 28% on May 12, 2000 and as to 2% monthly thereafter, until fully vested on May 12, 2003.

(3) In addition, Mr. Canakes has other options totaling 103,000 at various prices and expiration dates.

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