

VITAL IMAGES INC
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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 *
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)
 01/26/2009

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common stock ⁽²⁾	01/26/2009		M	11,076	A \$ 5.188	20,104	D
Common stock ⁽²⁾	01/26/2009		M	6,424	A \$ 5.188	26,528	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 (right to buy)	\$ 5.188	01/26/2009		M	11,076	<u>(3)</u> 02/08/2009	Common stock 11,076
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 5.188	01/26/2009		M	6,424	<u>(3)</u> 02/08/2009	Common stock 6,424

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

/s/ Steven P
Canakes

01/27/2009

**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) In addition, Mr. Canakes has other options totaling 113,500 at various prices and expiration dates.

(2) Transaction made pursuant to plan adopted under Rule 10b5-1.

(3) Original grants of 11,076 and 6,424 were fully vested.

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