

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC  
 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 \*  
 THIBAUD DIDIER M C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC [MRCY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2, PLACE DE PADOUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP & GM Medical Business Group

BRIIS SOU 91640

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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                    | 12/15/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 4,000 A \$ 7.625  | 4,000  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 2,284 D \$ 30.55  | 1,716  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 300 D \$ 30.56  | 1,416  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 200 D \$ 30.57  | 1,216  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 420 D \$ 30.61  | 796  | D                                 |

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|              |            |   |     |   |          |     |   |
|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|-----|---|
| Common Stock | 12/15/2004 | S | 96  | D | \$ 30.62 | 700 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2004 | S | 200 | D | \$ 30.65 | 500 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2004 | S | 500 | D | \$ 30.66 | 0   | 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 (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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Exercise of ISO Stock Option               | \$ 7.625   | 12/15/2004                           |  | M                              | 4,000  | 09/28/2003 09/28/2008                                    | Common  | 4,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                 | Other |
| THIBAUD DIDIER M C<br>2, PLACE DE PADOUE<br>BRIIS SOU 91640 |               |           | VP & GM<br>Medical<br>Business<br>Group |       |

## Signatures

Didier M C  
Thibaud  
12/15/2004  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

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