

Blackmore R Gregoire
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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 *
 Blackmore R Gregoire

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STERIS CORP [STE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5960 HEISLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & Group President, L.S.

MENTOR, OH 44060
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Shares, No Par Value | 12/16/2008 | | A | 2,000 A | \$ 0 8,760 ⁽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. 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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase Common Shares | \$ 24.93 | 12/16/2008 | | A | 6,000 | <u>(2)</u> 12/16/2018 | Common Shares, No Par Value | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Blackmore R Gregoire 5960 HEISLEY ROAD MENTOR, OH 44060 | | | SVP & Group President, L.S. | |

Signatures

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 12/18/2008

**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) All 8,760 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 1,910 on September 7, 2009, 2,000 on July 27, 2010, 2,850 on May 23, 2011 and 2,000 on December 16, 2011.
- (2) These options become exercisable as follows: 1,500 on December 16, 2009, 1,500 on December 16, 2010, 1,500 on December 16, 2011 and 1,500 on December 16, 2012.

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