

STERIS CORP  
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**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 \*  
**BURKE PETER A**

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

**MENTOR, OH 44060**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/16/2008**

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)  
**Sr. VP & Chief Tech. Officer**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares, No Par Value	05/16/2008		M	200	A \$ 18.25	13,200	D
Common Shares, No Par Value	05/16/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D \$ 32.04	13,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	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 Exercise	\$ 18.25	05/16/2008		M	200	(3) 04/05/2011	Common Shares, No Par Value	200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURKE PETER A 5960 HEISLEY ROAD MENTOR, OH 44060			Sr. VP & Chief Tech. Officer	

## Signatures

Dennis P. Patton, Authorized Representative under Power of Attorney 05/19/2008

\_\_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) This open market sale is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Stock Trading Plan entered into by the Reporting Person on December 19, 2007.
- (2) 8,000 of these Common Shares are restricted. The restrictions on these Common Shares lapse as follows: 4,000 on September 7, 2009 and 4,000 on July 27, 2010.
- (3) These Stock Options became exercisable on March 5, 2003.

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